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MAYOR'S ADDRESS

AND

ANNUAL≡REPORTS

OF THE SEVERAL

DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT

OF THE

CITY OF AUGUSTA

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1898.

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AUGUSTA:
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1898.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council :

The people, in the exercise of their sovereign choice, have called us to the control and direction of municipal affairs. We have accepted that responsibility, and from this hour are under its varied and insistent obligations.

In the year that has passed our city has celebrated its centenary. It happens, therefore, that we are the first municipal administration whose term of office lies wholly within the second century of our history. We are also the last administration whose term will lie wholly within the limits of the 19th century. Conspicuous thus in the order of time, it may well occur to us to desire to be also conspicuous in the degree of our success in promoting the welfare of our city. It would be an ill return for the confidence reposed in us if we did not feel a profound interest and an ambition to secure the deserved commendations of those who, with more generosity, perhaps, than wisdom, have entrusted their affairs in our hands. I am confident we shall succeed if we act with the right spirit and the necessary energy. We may be inexperienced and uninformed when we take office. Let us see to it that we are not so when we go out of office. Earnest, thoughtful, disinterested and unremitting effort will overcome any obstacle that may be found in our way, and I hope as soon as you are assigned to committee work in the various departments you will proceed to make a special study of the subject assigned to you, in order that you may be able to reach right conclusions with promptness and dispatch.

The subject of municipal government is just now receiving universal attention throughout the world. Questions of apparently broader public interest or the more absorbing and paramount pressure of private affairs seem to have diverted public attention from municipal methods, with the result that such affairs have fallen, in many instances, into the hands of incompetent or unscrupulous persons who have neglected their duties or prostituted their opportunities for the purpose of private advantage. The Mayor of Boston, in a recent public address, animadverted with caustic severity upon the want of interest in public matters on the part of the abler and more conscientious members of communities. It is to be hoped that a better public spirit will long render such a criticism inapplicable to the municipal officers and citizens of Augusta. I do not think the danger so remote, however, that an allusion to it in warning will not be prudent at this time. An intelligent and active public spirit will put able and

faithful men in office, and preserve us long against the degeneracy and disasters of which other cities complain.

The main question that will confront us, I think, will be in what manner and to what uses we shall devote the revenues of the city. You will observe that I place the disposition of the revenues before the question of the amount of them. I do not think the criticisms of our citizens have been directed generally to the amounts they have been asked to pay into the public treasury. It is the use and the abuse of these funds that have excited their just complaints. I have never heard any general and serious charge of extravagance and waste made against any permanent and substantial improvement, whatever its cost may have been. It is the large sums expended each year in producing only transitory and ephemeral effects that excite indignation and revolt. So careless and improvident has been this habit that at the close of the 19th century we are actually living under some conditions scarcely different from those of the unreclaimed wilderness which our forefathers undertook to level and subdue a century ago. I think our people would cheerfully submit to even large assessments if they were accompanied with a reasonable assurance that there would come a day when necessary improvements would be finished and permanent, and they might rest in the enjoyment of them.

I do not think we can longer postpone some decisive action directed toward a complete system of sewers and street improvements. There are open and partially completed sewers, and in many parts of the city an entire absence of them, producing an unsanitary condition, threatening the safety and health of the city. There are bogs which, with euphemistic cheerfulness, we call streets, on which enough has been spent to pave them broader and deeper than the Appian way. There are decaying wooden culverts on which enough has been spent to lay them with polished marble. The evils of these things have become so great and obvious to all, that I feel that our citizens will demand that we take even radical action to remove them. I think with a well-digested and comprehensive plan for these improvements, they could be made at less cost than we have been led to expect. I do not think the small amount that has been hitherto accomplished in this direction is a fair criterion of the cost of larger works. I think we employ the term economy and put the principle into practice in a too narrow sense. A large expenditure may be an economical one and a small outlay may be an extravagant one. It is not so much the amount we authorize to be raised by taxation that we shall be held accountable for, as the right and profitable use of it.

A city's growth and prosperity depend upon the increase of its population, and to secure that it should be made attractive. Unsafe hills, impassable roads, weed-growing gutters, dilapidated sidewalks, unsanitary surface drainage, high taxation without resulting permanent benefits, and the dreary hopelessness of a shiftless public policy cannot but deter those who are seeking homes and business opportunities. Many causes in the past have conspired to preserve our prestige. They will not do it in the future. We are falling behind. The progressive spirit is waning, and we must act with energy and promptness if we would preserve the advanced position we have always held among the cities of the State,

In this connection I want to say, with an emphasis that cannot be mistaken, that it is useless to think of carrying out such a work by piecemeal, a little each year, and that little dependent upon the will of the city council for that year. There must be a scientific scheme to include the work and the method of payment, to which the city shall be committed from the start. In that way, and no other, can these improvements be made.

The auditor's books show March 1, '98:

LIABILITIES.

City bonds.....	\$305,500 00
Temporary loans.....	18,000 00
Coupons unpaid.....	3,769 00
Warrants unpaid.....	2,862 00
Balance due schools.....	8,588 85
Salaries.....	125 00
Text books.....	281 00
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	\$339,126 65

RESOURCES.

Taxes '86 to '92 uncollected.....	\$25,240 82
Taxes '93 to '97 uncollected.....	29,672 22
Tax deeds.....	4,857 94
Sewer assessments unpaid.....	1,930 50
Due from the State.....	729 43
Due from cities and towns.....	377 56
Due from A. H. & G. Railway.....	175 75
Cash on hand.....	756 92
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	\$63,741 14
Net balance of indebtedness.....	275,385 51
	<hr/>
	\$339,126 65

But item \$25,240.82 uncollected taxes from '86 to '92 is of no value. It is composed largely of polls and taxes on personal property, which for various reasons are not collectible. Item \$4,857.94 tax lands is also largely worthless. The net indebtedness of the city is, therefore, more than three hundred thousand instead of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. I shall ask you to cancel these worthless items, that they may no longer encumber the books and mislead the public. Of the bonded debt, \$52,500.00 still bear the now unusual rate of six per cent. These bonds, however, mature within a few years, and if it shall be the policy to pay them as they mature, in yearly installments, not much can be saved by an attempt to refund them at a lower rate of interest. Nine thousand of the bonded debt bears the rate of 5 per cent. Those also mature in a comparatively short time. You may consider, however, the propriety of refunding, at a low rate of interest, these \$61,500.00 of bonds and expending on sewers and highways each year the amount that would otherwise be paid annually in the discharge of these bonds.

The bridge over Bond brook has been replaced by one of stone and iron, at a cost of about \$5000. If the invisible foundations and backing are so sound as external appearances indicate, it is a substantial structure and will constitute a permanent and satisfactory improvement. The change in the method of caring for the poor seems to have been beneficial and to have resulted in greater economy and an improved condition of those falling under the care of the overseer and the lady visitor. The report of the overseer will show that the action of those who brought about this change is fully vindicated. I wish that a similarly inquisitive public spirit might be applied to all departments of the government.

If the change in the school system, which has been suggested, is to be accomplished, a plan should be matured before the meeting of the Legislature next January. The good order of the city and the security of property depend on the police and fire departments. I trust you will see that they are maintained at the highest degree of efficiency. I think there is a tendency to allow these departments to take care of themselves. I have known losses to result from this neglect. I think they should be under your constant care and watchfulness.

During the year a shoe factory, a box factory and other new enterprises have been inaugurated which will materially add to the business of the city and increase our population. These new industries will give employment to over four hundred persons, and disburse monthly considerable sums, which will circulate in the channels of business. I believe you will join me in expressing our obligations to the men whose energy and public spirit have created these new commercial factors. We cannot live on each other. We must produce something that is consumed elsewhere, in order that the wealth of the city may be increased by contributions from abroad. The building of a narrow-gauge road through the Western part of Kennebec county to Farmington, in the county of Franklin, promises to be of great importance to this city in enabling the towns in that direction to come to us for a market and other purposes. It is to be hoped that the enterprise will succeed. It deserves and should have our sympathy and encouragement.

We have been fortunate during the period of depression and stagnation that has extended over so much of our country. The tide of returning prosperity has caught us before we were stranded by its receding wave. We have already realized the stagnation and suffering that have existed elsewhere. During all that time our factories have run on full time, men have been employed, good wages paid and the same amounts disbursed as in more prosperous times. We have had no labor disturbances, thanks to the intelligence and reasonable disposition of our laborers, and we hope they will be rewarded for their courage and forbearance by a share in the prosperity that seems to be flowing in this direction.

Although the cloud of war hangs threateningly over the country, from the effect of which, if it break in storm, our little community cannot escape, we hope that peace will be preserved. But we do not hope it will be preserved through indifference to the sufferings of those who are struggling with almost unparalleled heroism to secure those political and civil rights which modern civilization elsewhere accords to even the meanest of

mankind. We do not hope it will be preserved through forgetfulness of the fate of those who went down in the ship whose name reminds us that we have a part in the defence of our national integrity and honor. If war must follow, we shall make our sacrifices with the conviction that our country will again head the advance of nations toward a higher appreciation of the rights of man; and we shall remember that American liberty is not a trust to be held for our own use and happiness alone, but for the encouragement and inspiration of the oppressed in all lands.

J. MANCHESTER HAYNES, *Mayor*.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER.

AUGUSTA, March 10, 1898.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit my report of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury from March 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898.

Yours respectfully,

J. R. TOWNSEND, *City Treasurer*.

I having examined the accounts of the City Treasurer for the year ending February 28, 1898, find the same correct and agreeing with his report.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *City Auditor*.

AUGUSTA, March 10, 1898.

Annual Statement

	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.
Cemeteries.....	..	50.00	10.00	90.00	10.00
City rooms and buildings....	269.50	..	25.00	21.00	30.38
Common schools.....	..	..	..	..	..
Cony High School.....	..	..	..	1.00	..
Highways Western District..	..	..	..	..	..
Interest.....	36.15	57.82	33.98	22.63	23.40
Licenses.....	..	12.96	2.70	25.00	..
Licenses Dogs.....	..	375.44	190.00	..	..
Lithgow Library.....	..	..	1,000.00	..	..
Miscellaneous.....	1.30	..	1.50	41.00	..
Police.....	..	..	..	..	..
Printing and advertising....	..	..	..	..	..
Salaries.....	..	..	..	..	..
State pensions....	..	..	..	..	..
Sewer assessments.....	15.00	..	..	20.00	85.00
Support of insane, etc.....	..	..	..	..	..
Support of poor.....	45.48	249.41	250.10	40.05	..
Tax of 1893-2.....	..	87.38	62.75	..	..
" 1895.....	84.66	51.50	96.29	102.32	62.27
" 1896.....	1,578.31	1,202.33	1,414.83	622.89	912.02
" 1897.....	..	35.28	60.32	1,654.93	8,529.38
Temporary loans.....	12,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00	11,000.00	4,000.00
Text books.....	..	..	..	..	..
Trust fund, S. R. Crockett...	..	..	..	..	..
Tax deeds, resident.....	3.09	..	5.12	..	5.23
" non-resident.....	..	..	..	..	..
Village District.....	..	..	..	..	..
" " tax 1892-3....	..	7.08	11.45	..	..
" " " 1895.....	4.43	5.77	9.42	5.70	6.25
" " " 1896.....	68.54	53.02	114.31	49.33	54.12
" " " 1897.....	..	1.70	4.28	62.52	426.12
" " b'lding fund,	..	..	..	2,000.00	2,000.00
Williams District.....	..	..	..	..	..
" " tax 1893....	..	..	.50	..	..
" " " 1895.....	..	..	1.00	2.20	.50
" " " 1896.....	53.03	64.27	48.15	23.45	7.90
" " " 1897.....	..	..	.50	23.19	444.27
Balance March 1, 1897,	14,159.49	9,253.96	11,342.20	15,807.21	16,596.84

of Receipts, 1897-98.

August.	Sept.	October.	Nov.	Dec.	January	Feb.	Total.
..	15.00	50.00	30.00	..	10.00	40.00	305.00
19.50	30.00	120.00	212.50	187.50	70.00	20.00	1,005.38
..	..	..	..	..	..	2,303.13	2,303.13
..	..	129.50	..	125.00	..	..	255.50
..	..	..	..	..	..	28.12	28.12
24.88	32.78	289.69	30.37	47.02	29.35	96.65	724.72
50.00	2.00	150.00	..	25.00	..	..	267.66
167.00	..	..	..	25.00	..	..	757.44
..	..	..	100.00	..	..	..	1,100.00
2.50	..	1.50	..	3.50	15.80	5,450.51	5,517.61
..	..	..	2.00	..	..	..	2.00
..	..	1.00	7.00	19.00	..	..	27.00
..	..	..	..	657.57	..	..	657.57
..	..	..	..	..	..	2,010.00	2,010.00
115.00	..	15.00	15.00	..	..	..	265.00
..	..	..	..	..	..	2.00	2.00
39.90	2.00	23.25	279.00	8.20	54.00	145.25	1,136.64
..	..	..	..	..	53.82	..	203.95
86.15	28.00	124.64	..	..	..	..	635.83
630.61	1,060.84	4,880.26	676.14	1,023.72	286.98	398.95	14,687.88
66,088.89	22,162.86	5,021.29	2,212.03	3,637.79	1,796.49	1,187.21	112,386.47
..	..	..	..	..	8,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00
..	..	..	..	..	..	90.00	90.00
..	..	..	100.00	..	..	..	100.00
21.51	..	49.87	..	39.51	65.40	71.48	261.21
..
..	12.50	..	..	..	..	3,886.65	3,899.15
..	..	..	..	..	4.21	..	22.74
6.28	.90	1.74	15.00	..	..	..	55.49
35.37	38.33	117.87	36.42	21.34	13.63	15.36	617.64
2,829.18	851.69	215.18	114.38	186.31	108.88	54.77	4,855.01
..	3,000.00	..	..	1,000.00	..	..	8,000.00
23.49	..	..	..	..	19.16	1,094.65	1,137.30
..	..	..	..	..	4.00	..	4.50
.82	.50	.50	25.00	..	..	..	30.52
23.26	31.84	176.48	13.85	33.86	4.80	9.50	490.39
1,406.95	888.09	316.74	100.33	86.85	29.31	29.38	3,325.61
71,571.29	28,157.33	11,684.51	3,969.02	7,127.17	10,565.83	26,933.61	227,168.46
							662.36
							227,830.82

Annual Statement of

	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.
Cemeteries.....	..	12.00	3.00	52.00	26.00
City rooms and buildings....	395.92	122.22	304.87	152.06	2,384.61
Common schools.....	1,314.55	376.90	107.38	34.40	1,349.61
Contingent.....	100.97	842.50	68.50	363.51	404.45
Cony High School.....	498.49	45.30	961.65	644.22	491.63
County tax.....	..	..	..	..	..
Coupons.....	2,202.00	910.00	..	1,180.00	2,096.00
Cleaning Water street.....	..	..	..	..	73.00
Fire department.....	50.40	574.04	42.08	74.19	580.49
Highways Eastern District..	..	..	145.35	353.20	1,071.11
" Special Eastern "	..	..	7.50	..	..
" Western "	135.93	92.37	987.94	860.98	1,022.92
" Special Western "	..	..	..	..	665.25
Hydrants and water.....	..	..	..	1,239.17	..
Interest.....	..	..	..	..	..
Kennebec Bridge.....	..	..	..	..	15.50
Lighting streets.....	553.00	553.00	553.00	553.00	553.00
Licenses.....	..	..	..	..	..
Licenses dogs.....	..	..	..	..	..
Lithgow Library.....	..	..	500.00	..	500.00
Memorial Day.....	..	..	200.00	..	..
Miscellaneous.....	..	..	..	..	..
New Streets.....	..	..	..	..	..
Park.....	..	..	..	134.00	..
Police.....	339.00	361.32	393.41	376.16	413.00
Printing and advertising....	..	727.92	149.85	18.00	391.75
Reduction of debt.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	..	..	5,500.00
Saint Mark's Home.....	..	..	..	250.00	..
Salaries.....	361.06	1,412.00	288.19	750.91	1,704.35
Sanford Legacy.....	..	..	..	..	..
Sewers.....	59.73	2.60	30.20	29.44	104.53
Snow bills Eastern District..	139.40	224.72	275.76	1.35	22.45
" " Western "	215.72	243.28	142.05	18.25	28.35
State pensions.....	..	333.00	114.00	189.00	336.00
State tax.....	..	375.44	..	..	..
Stationery and blank books..	24.23	..	31.87	88.44	147.29
Support of insane.....	..	633.45	174.50	491.26	56.50
Support of poor.....	706.50	517.79	1,671.39	872.89	516.25
Tax deeds resident....	..	..	..	..	..
" " non-resident.....	..	..	..	..	..
Trust fund, R. G. Irish.....	..	..	..	..	..
Temporary loans.....	1,450.39	..	..	..	..
Text books.....	..	130.60	..	..	..
Village District.....	2,001.72	510.55	1,490.59	2,115.54	797.04
Village " b'lding fund..	..	..	..	2,320.00	2,402.50
Williams ".....	506.55	159.61	732.98	504.75	95.75
Balance Feb. 28, 1898..	12,055.56	10,160.61	9,511.13	13,666.72	23,749.33

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

AUGUSTA, MARCH 10, 1898.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit my report as Collector for the municipal year ending Feb. 28, 1898.

Yours respectfully,

J. R. TOWNSEND, *Tax Collector.*

I, having examined the accounts of J. R. Townsend, Collector for the years 1895 to 1897, inclusive, up to March 1, 1898, find the same correct and agreeing with the report for the several years and with the accounts of the Auditor.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *City Auditor.*

AUGUSTA, MARCH 10, 1898.

CITY TAX OF 1895.

Balance due March 1, 1897,.....		\$1,213 41
Cash collections.....	\$545 83	
Abated by assessors.....	396 31	
Discount by City Council.....	181 27	
Cash paid by Collector in settlement.....	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,213 41

CITY TAX OF 1896.

Balance due March 1, 1897.....		\$21,176 40
Cash collections.....	\$14,687 88	
Abated by assessors.....	1,871 42	
Resident tax deeds.....	132 34	
Non-resident tax deeds.....	17 47	
	<hr/>	16,709 11
Balance due March 1, 1898.....		<hr/> \$4,467 29

CITY TAX OF 1897.

Committed June 14, 1897.....	\$137,900 11	
" supplementary.....	338 86	
	<hr/>	\$138,238 97
Cash collections.....	\$112,386 47	
Discounts.....	3,199 62	
Abated by assessors.....	737 20	
	<hr/>	116,323 29
Balance due March 1, 1898.....		<hr/> \$21,915 68

VILLAGE DISTRICT TAX OF 1895.

Balance due March 1, 1897.....		\$147 27
Cash collections.....	\$40 49	
Abated by assessors.....	66 56	
Discount by directors.....	25 22	
Cash paid by collector in settlement....	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$147 27

VILLAGE DISTRICT TAX OF 1896.

Balance due March 1, 1897.....		\$1,076 70
Cash collections.....	\$617 64	
Abated.....	346 07	
Resident tax deeds.....	3 40	
Non-resident tax deeds.....	57	
	<hr/>	967 68
Balance due March 1, 1898.....		<hr/> \$109 02

VILLAGE DISTRICT TAX OF 1897.

Committed June 14, 1898.....	\$6,062 91	
" supplementary.....	38 25	
	<hr/>	\$6,101 16
Cash collections.....	\$4,855 01	
Discounts.....	122 49	
Abated.....	63 50	
	<hr/>	5,041 00
Balance due March 1, 1898.....		<hr/> \$1,060 16

WILLIAMS DISTRICT TAX OF 1895.

Balance due March 1, 1897.....		\$92 84
Cash collections.....	\$5 52	
Abated by assessors.....	10 06	
Discount by directors.....	52 26	
Paid by collector in settlement.....	25 00	
		<u>\$92 84</u>

WILLIAMS DISTRICT TAX OF 1896.

Balance due March 1, 1897.....		\$1,079 43
Cash collections.....	\$490 39	
Abated	54 21	
Non-resident tax deeds.....	23	
		<u>544 83</u>
Balance due March 1, 1898.....		<u>\$534 60</u>

WILLIAMS DISTRICT TAX OF 1897.

Committed June 14, 1897.....	\$4,393 54	
“ supplementary.....	12 55	
		<u>\$4,406 09</u>
Cash collections.....	\$3,325 61	
Abated	26 04	
		<u>3,351 65</u>
Balance due March 1, 1898.....		<u>\$1,054 44</u>

[NOTE: Included in the uncollected balances of 1896 and 1897, are the following amounts, the payment of which is subject to the pending decision of the Supreme Court of Maine.

City Tax of 1896.....	\$3,423 21	
“ “ “ 1897.....	2,887 75	
		<u>\$6,310 96</u>
Williams District Tax of 1896.....	\$498 52	
“ “ “ “ 1897.....	429 54	
		<u>928 06</u>
Total.....		<u>\$7,239 02]</u>

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF CITY BRIDGE.

AUGUSTA, AUG. 30, 1897.

To his Honor the Mayor and City Government of the City of Augusta :

I have by request carefully inspected our City Bridge, in so doing I commenced at the foundation or Bridge seats, had them properly cared for. Then I examined every panel point where the transmission of strains takes place in the different members of the structure. All these I find intact, perfect as new. In my judgment this bridge is as safe and secure as the material of iron can make it. It is a structure we should all be proud of, and spare no pains to keep it so. I find but one thing to recommend, that is, the replacing of some of the wires holding the diagonals to the verticals which will necessitate very little expense.

Truly yours,

M. R. LEIGHTON.

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council of Augusta:

We herewith submit our report as Assessors for the year 1897 :

City Valuation—Assessed.

Resident real estate.....	\$3,557,790 00
Non-resident real estate.....	986,034 00
Resident personal estate.....	1,506,726 00
Non-resident personal estate.....	224,686 77
Total.....	<hr/> \$6,275,236 77

Village District—Assessed Valuation.

Resident real estate.....	\$2,428,530 00
Non-resident real estate.....	734,385 00
Resident personal estate.....	1,101,860 00
Non-resident personal estate.....	16,680 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$4,281,455 00

Williams District—Assessed Valuation.

Resident real estate.....	\$605,890 00
Non-resident real estate.....	217,354 00
Resident personal estate.....	395,550 00
Non-resident personal estate.....	155,851 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$1,374,650 00

Nmuber of polls, city.....2,876 :	poll tax.....	\$3 00
Village Dist..1,780 ;	poll tax.....	1 00
Williams Dist., 538 ;	poll tax.....	50
Rate of taxation per \$1,000, city.....		\$20 60
	Village District.....	1 00
	Williams District.....	3 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax.....	\$22,537 23	
County tax.....	9,208 23	
By order of City Council.....	105,389 94	
Overlay for fractional divisions.....	764 71	
Total.....		\$137,900 11

Village district assessment :

Fractional overlay.....	\$1,062 91	
Amount voted to be raised.....	5,000 00	
Total.....		\$6,062 91

Williams district assessment :

Amount voted to be raised.....	\$3,775 00	
Fractional overlay.....	618 54	
Total.....		\$4,393 54

Committed all of above taxes to James R. Townsend for collection with our warrants in due form of law June 14th, 1897.

We have made supplementary taxes as follows :

City.....	\$338 86	
Village district.....	38 25	
Williams district.....	12 55	
Total.....		\$389 66

Have abated taxes to J. E. Fuller, collector for the year 1893, by order of the City Council, as follows :

City.....	\$339 50	
Village district	49 29	
Williams district.....	12 50	
Total.....		\$401 29

Have abated taxes to J. R. Townsend to the following amounts for the years following :

	CITY.	VILL. DIST.	WILL. DIST.
Taxes for the year 1895,	\$396 31	\$66 56	\$10 06
1896,	1,871 42	346 07	54 21
1897,	737 20	63 50	26 04

SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City farm and buildings.....	\$6,000 00
Atlantic engine house and lot.....	600 00
Capitol hose house, State street.....	400 00
Cushnoc engine house and lot.....	1,500 00
Pine Tree hose house, Bangor street.....	150 00
Volunteer hose house, Northern avenue.....	150 00
City scales and building, Commercial street.....	500 00
About 2 1-2 acres land west end Capitol street.....	1,500 00
About 1-4 acre land near Britt's gully.....	100 00
Furniture in City Hall and rooms.....	3,000 00
Part of City Hall lot.....	1,000 00

JOSEPH H. WALL, } *Assessors*
 C. W. JONES, } *of*
 C. B. BURLEIGH. } *Augusta.*

FEBRUARY 28, 1898.

REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER.

To the City Council of the City of Augusta:

In compliance with the ordinance relating to one of the duties of the City Engineer, the following report for the year ending March 1, 1898, is respectfully submitted.

STREET LINES AND GRADES.

At the request of the Street Commissioners, lines and grades have been given as follows:

Melville Street—Lines and grades of this street were given from Green Street to Western Avenue.

Scott Street—No definite city records of the laying out and acceptance of this street could be found: no lines could be given.

Gage Street—Owen R. Wellman used 925 cu. yds. of earth on this street in front of the Boyd and Corey Shoe Co.'s lot, to grade to the required height.

Chestnut Street—Grades were given for sidewalk on the west side of this street, between Bridge and Winthrop Streets.

Pearl Street—Line was given on the east side of this street from Patterson Street to Murray Street.

Murray Street—Grade of this street was established from Pearl Street, easterly 750 feet.

Jefferson Street—A survey has been commenced with reference to the establishing of the lines of this street.

Patterson Street—Grades and lines of this street were given, on the south side, from Bangor Street to Gannett Street.

SEWERS.

Surveys and estimates have been made for sewers on the following streets:

Washington Street, Brooks Street, St. Catherine's Street, East

Chestnut Street, Arsenal Street, Dayton Street, Lincoln Street, South Chestnut Street, and in rear of West Crescent Street.

Surveys, plans and specifications were made for the construction of sewers on South Chestnut, Lincoln and Dayton Streets.

The following contracts to build the same were made :

With E. L. White to furnish all labor and material to build and complete three manholes, four catch-basins and one flush-basin for \$192.60.

With C. W. Trask to furnish all remaining labor and material, whatsoever required, to build sewer complete for \$403.

Total length of above sewer is 1054 feet. An extra catch-basin and lamp hole were built and 80 feet of gas pipe were lowered to give place to sewer, also 40 feet of old sewer, found in poor condition, were dug up and re-laid at a cost of \$49.06.

Four surveys and four sets of plans were made for conveying the sewerage from the end of Brooks Street to the river.

No. 1 to continue westerly along Brooks Street (proposed extension) to Arsenal Street, across Arsenal Street and down ravine to the Kennebec River.

No. 2 to continue southwesterly through a water course to Arsenal Street, near the northwest corner of a lot belonging to the Brooks estate ; thence along Arsenal Street southerly to the Eastern Avenue sewer.

No. 3 to continue westerly along a proposed extension of Brooks Street to Arsenal Street ; thence northerly along Arsenal Street to the Spruce Street sewer.

No. 4 to continue northerly along St. Catherine's Street to East Chestnut Street ; thence westerly on East Chestnut Street to Arsenal Street ; thence northerly on Arsenal Street to Spruce Street sewer.

The committee adopted survey No. 4 and accepted the proposals of C. W. Trask and E. L. White to build the sewer complete according to survey and plans.

The following contracts to build the same were made :

With E. L. White to furnish all labor and material to build complete 5 man holes, 2 catch-basins and 1 lamp hole, for \$190.20.

With C. W. Trask to furnish all the remaining labor and material, whatsoever required, to build the sewer complete for \$430.

Total length of above sewer is 828 feet. An extra catch-basin was built complete with grate base and trap at a cost of \$27.55.

Plans are on file at the city clerk's office and at the city engineer's

office showing location of above sewers with the branches for house connections, also the depth and grade. There have been 33 entrances made into public sewers by authority of the city of Augusta. A record book has been kept showing to whom permits have been granted, date of entrance, and by whom the connection was made.

TOWN LANDING.

Plans and specifications were prepared for improvements in the sidewalk on the east side of Water Street, and in the driveway to the Post Office and wharves. The work consisted of, 1st, removing the present retaining wall on Water Street; 2nd, building a new wall to the eastward on a line with Post Office and the Allen Building; 3rd, building a circular wall on the east side of the driveway, making a continuous walk on the east side of Water Street, across Winthrop Street, and widening the driveway to the wharves about 7 feet; 4th, furnishing what new stones were required; 5th, furnishing and setting in place a suitable cross walk across the driveway to wharf; 6th, building a new foundation and moving the stairs next to the Post Office $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet farther east; 7th, furnishing what new curbing is required and re-setting the curb from the Post Office to the Allen Building; 8th, doing what excavating is required. The whole work to be done to the approval of the City Committee and Engineer. The proposal of Robert A. Packard to do the work for \$890 was accepted, and the work contracted to him June 15, 1897, and accepted and completed the 1st of September. A part of the wall next to the Post Office belongs to the United States government from whom the city received \$75.

BRIDGES.

On account of the condition of the abutments and wings to the bridge across Bond Brook on Mt. Vernon Ave., it was thought necessary to have the abutments rebuilt and a new bridge put on. It was decided by the committee to have a steel bridge with stone abutments. Designs and proposals were asked for from several reliable bridge companies. Four designs were submitted; one by the Boston Bridge Company, one by the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company, one by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company and one by the Pittsburgh Bridge Company. Proposals were submitted as follows:

Boston Bridge Company, \$500. New Jersey Steel and Iron Company, \$510. Geo. E. King Bridge and Iron Company, \$765. Pittsburgh Bridge Company, by Collins & Norton, N. E. agents, \$620.

Through the advice of Moses R. Leighton the design and proposal of the Pittsburgh Bridge Company were accepted at \$620.

Plans and specifications for a foundation and new abutments were prepared at this office. The work consisted of removing the present abutments, doing such excavating as is necessary to put in the new work, preparing foundations, doing all labor and furnishing all materials required (except such stones as are suitable to use from the two present abutments) to build two new abutments complete.

Plans and specifications were accepted and proposals invited to do the work according to them. Four proposals were received. The committee accepted the proposal of Robert A. Packard, which was as follows: Excavating, \$525; coffer dams, \$162 50; piling 20 feet and under in length, \$3.50 each; piling between 20 and 35 feet in length, \$4 each; concrete, \$6 50 and \$7 per cubic yard; masonry abutments complete, \$1917.

Contract was signed Oct. 2, 1897. Under this contract the work continued until Nov. 30, 1897, at which time, notice was given the contractor that the city of Augusta would enter upon the premises and finish the work. The work was continued with Mr. F. H. Leighton as foreman and the abutments completed in a most substantial and satisfactory manner and at a cost which will without doubt be much less than three of the four proposals received.

CITY LINES.

The line between the town of Windsor and the City of Augusta was surveyed in March from the northeasterly corner of Augusta southwesterly two miles. The boundary lines around the whole city should be perambulated and monuments erected at different points in conformity to statute law.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. GETCHELL, *City Engineer.*

MARCH, 1898.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE LITHGOW LIBRARY.

The Mayor and City Government of Augusta:

In behalf of the Trustees of the Lithgow Library and Reading Room I respectfully submit to you our report for 1897.

We have the satisfaction to say that all the bills for erecting, finishing and furnishing the library building and grading the lot have at last been paid. The total cost amounted to some \$42,000 exclusive of the cost of the lot. It exceeded the estimate of the architects by so *many thousand* dollars that our funds applicable to that use were exhausted and \$1,800 were borrowed of a Savings Bank.

Our means for sustaining are as follows :

In addition to the permanent Lithgow fund of \$20,000 on which the city pays annually in semi-annual pay- ments.....	\$1,000 00
We have from the city the interest on Hon. J. H. Wil- liams bequest.....	50 00
And on the bequest of Mrs. Forest Robinson of \$1,000	50 00
And from the State.....	100 00
These sums with the usual additional appropriation of..	1,000 00
Made by the city will give an annual income of.....	\$2,200 00

The balance in the treasurer's hand Jan. 1, was.....	\$15 00
Then due from subscribers.....	2 00

all which has since been paid.

An offer has been made for land in Georgia owned by Mr. Lithgow in which we share with the town of Dresden which would give to the library \$550.

The Trustees at their annual meeting in January estimated the expenses of the present year at \$1,700 based on the following items :

Librarian and assistant last year were.....	\$591 00
Janitor, last year were.....	300 00
Fuel, " " "	256 00
Light and water last year were.....	267 00
Other incidentals estimated at.....	292 00
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	\$1,700 00

This would leave only \$500 for the purchase of books, and the rebinding of such as required it, and the pay for magazines. Last year over \$200 were paid for printing and other expenses incurred in preceding years, so that only \$204 was the amount left for the purchase of new books.

We have in the library according to the report of the Librarian, 7,169 books, exclusive of Public Documents and Magazines, and 333 have been re-bound during the year, and others repaired. It is evident that the books most used will soon need to be replaced.

The Librarian gives some interesting statistics respecting the use of the library by our citizens.

The whole number of books issued during the year.....	40,103
The average daily is.....	131
The largest average is.....	358
During March, the busiest month.....	4,097
During September, the smallest.....	2,856

The character of the books selected by the readers shows such undue preference for works of Fiction that I omit to state the number of thousands issued in comparison with the aggregate of issues of works of History, Biography, Literature, Poetry, Science, Philosophy, Religion, and all other subjects, or *how many times it exceeded them all!*

Our most valuable works are in a good state of preservation. They were carefully selected and form an excellent nucleus for a library.

JAMES W. BRADBURY, *Pres. of the Trustees*

JANUARY 31, 1898.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your regulations I hereby submit to you my fifth annual report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. During the past year there have been 28 alarms of fire of which 16 were general alarms and 12 still alarms.

April 19, 1897. Alarm of fire at 2 50 P. M. from box 35, for a slight blaze in Hotel North, owned by North Bros., and occupied by C. L. Burns. Cause of fire, lamp tipped over. Damage to contents, \$25; insurance paid, \$25.

April 22, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 52 at 12.10 P. M. Cause, grass caught fire at Catholic Cemetery. No damage.

May 3, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 25 at 12.14 A. M. Fire on Franklin Street in house owned and occupied by Mrs. Thomas Trask. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage to contents, \$445.44; insurance paid, \$445.44.

May 3, 1897. Still alarm. Melvina Gray's house caught fire from Trask house. Damage, \$25; insurance paid, \$25.

May 8, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 57 at 2.23 P. M. Fire in Oscar Holway's house on State Street. Cause, chimney burning out. No damage.

May 11, 1897. Still alarm of fire in Kennedy neighborhood below Hospital; house and barn owned and occupied by Patrick M. Lynch. Cause of fire, supposed to be incendiary. Value of buildings and contents about \$300; partial loss; no insurance.

May 26, 1897. Still alarm of fire. house owned and occupied by W. W. Wing. Cause unknown. Fire caught in mattress in chamber. No damage.

June 2, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 35, Water Street, at 5.30 A. M.; slight blaze in Hotel North, owned by North Bros., and occupied by C. L. Burns. Cause, lamp tipped over and set bed on fire. Damage to contents, \$17; insurance paid, \$17.

June 22, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 57 at 1.30 P. M., caused by the burning of Cony & White's ice house supposed to be set fire by tramps. Damage, \$2,400; insurance paid, \$2,400.

June 22, 1897. Still alarm of fire in barber shop on Cony Street, owned and occupied by M. O. Savage. Cause, shaving paper ignited probably from match of customer smoking pipe or cigar. No damage.

June 22, 1897. Still alarm of fire in house owned and occupied by E. E. Worthing. Cause of fire, kerosene lamp exploded. Damage, \$10.17; insurance paid, \$10.17.

Aug. 8, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 32 at 1.50 P. M. Fire in Drug Store on Water Street, owned by Jane E. Judd and occupied by C. B. Murphy. Cause of fire, fly paper igniting on oil stove. Damage to contents, \$25; insurance paid, \$25.

Aug. 22, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 37 at 1.50 P. M., in house on Gage Street owned by E. Smith and occupied by O. Pease. Cause of fire, boy playing in wood-shed with matches, and set fire to same. Damage to building and contents, \$277.91; insurance paid, \$277.91.

Aug. 22, 1897. Still alarm of fire in a house owned by C. A. Knowles and occupied by Joseph Phillips. Cause, house struck by lightning. Damage, \$20; insurance paid, \$20.

Sept. 9, 1897. Still alarm of fire in a house owned by P. O. Vickery and occupied by F. A. Small. Cause, lace curtain blew over gas jet. No damage.

Sept. 17, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 61 at 11.53 P. M. Fire on Childs Street, house owned by C. Littlefield and occupied by Fred Damren. Cause of fire, supposed to have been incendiary. Damage to building and contents, \$167.22; insurance paid, \$167.22.

Sept. 24, 1897. Still alarm of fire on Middle Street. House owned and occupied by F. B. Colburn. Cause of fire, kerosene lamp exploded. Damage to house and contents, \$29.50; insurance paid, \$29.50.

Oct. 16, 1897. Still alarm of fire on Hospital Street, house owned and occupied by Reuel Noyes. Cause, chimney burning out. No damage.

Nov. 13, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 38, Wilson Street, at 4.07 A. M. Fire in Gannett's Publishing house. Cause of fire, unknown, but probably paper caught from steam pipe. Damage to building and contents, \$11,716.96; insurance paid on same, \$10,548.39.

Nov. 13, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 39 at 8 P. M. Fire in house on Northern Avenue owned by Daniel Moore and occupied by Fred Cloutier. No damage.

Nov. 21, 1897. Alarm of fire from box 32, Water Street, at 7.55 P. M. Fire in building owned by G. W. Wadleigh and occupied by J. W. Robbins as a bake shop. Cause, fire caught from bake oven. No damage.

Nov. 26, 1897. Still alarm of fire. Farm buildings on river road, west side, owned and occupied by W. F. Walker. Cause of fire, defective chimney. Damage to buildings and contents, \$3,780; insurance paid on same, \$2,000.

Nov. 26, 1897. Still alarm of fire on Monroe Street in house owned and occupied by Odile Laplante. Cause of fire, lamp exploded. Damage to buildings and contents, \$15; insurance paid on same, \$15.

Dec. 19, 1897. Still alarm of fire in house owned and occupied by A. B. Perkins. Cause, overheated furnace. Damage to building and contents, \$55; insurance paid on same, \$55.

Jan. 1, 1898. Alarm of fire from box 45 at 10.35 P. M. Cause, fire caught in shavings in carpenter shop at U. S. Arsenal. No damage.

Jan. 5, 1898. Alarm of fire from box 37 at 8.03 A. M. House on Gage Street owned by E. Smith and occupied by O. Pease. Cause, thawing out water pipe in cellar. No damage.

March 5, 1898. Alarm of fire from box 41 at 11.44 P. M. Fire in a house on Quimby Street, owned and occupied by Mrs. James Smith. Fire caught in wood-box near stove. Damage to buildings and contents, \$750; insurance paid on same, \$750.

March 7, 1898. Alarm of fire from box 32 at 8.32 P. M. Fire in Dye House building on Water Street, owned by Mrs. I. T. Barbier; occupied up stairs by Mrs. I. T. Barbier as a dwelling house; down stairs by Miss Hebert's millinery store, also by Maynard Beale dye house and E. Barbier tobacco and cigar store. Cause of fire, unknown.

Mrs. I. T. Barbier's loss on building and contents, \$1,710; insurance paid on same, \$1,710.

Miss Hebert's loss on contents, \$800; insurance paid on same, \$800.

Maynard Beale's loss on contents, \$129.05; insurance paid on same, \$129.05.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus consists at present of one two-horse hose wagon, with a capacity of 1,200 feet of hose, which is drawn by City team; and one single-horse hose wagon, with a capacity of 700 feet of hose, which is drawn by a hired horse owned by L. G. Haskell, and is kept at the hose house on Cony Street at a salary of \$250 a year; also, four two-wheeled hose carts with a capacity of 500 feet of hose each; one hook and ladder truck drawn by hand.

HOSE.

There are in the department at present 8,000 feet cotton, rubber-lined hose; 3,000 feet nearly new; 2,250 feet fair, and 2,750 feet poor.

FORCE.

The force of the fire department under the present organization consists of 77 men, divided as follows: Chief and two assistant engineers, 4 hose companies of 12 men each, 1 hose company of 10 men, 1 hook and ladder truck of 15 men, and the engineer of the steam fire engine, Cushnoc No. 1, and he repairs all damaged hose.

ENGINE AND HOSE HOUSES.

There are two engine houses, one on Bridge Street and one on Cony Street; also three hose houses, one at the corner of Capitol and State Streets, one on Cushnoc Heights, one at Pettengill's Corner; one hook-and-ladder house on Arsenal Street, in the building owned by Lendall Titcomb and rented to the City at a cost of \$36 a year. The following gives the names of the officers of the fire department.

Chief Engineer,	C. W. RICKER.
1st Assistant, Engineer,	E. PEDDER.
2nd Assistant, "	E. H. GAY.
Foreman of hose No. 1,	H. C. THYNG.
" " " No. 2,	E. A. SHAW.
" " " No. 3,	C. W. BICKFORD.
" " " No. 4,	LINDSEY ELLIS.
" " " No. 5,	J. A. BUCKLEY.
" " hook and ladder No. 1,	F. W. CHADWICK.
Engineer of steamer Cushnoc No. 1,	C. CHURCHILL.

IMPROVEMENTS.

By the way of improvements, for the past year there have been one new combination hose and ladder wagon which will not be put in service until April 1, 1898. There has been one new hydrant placed on Gage Street near the new shoe factory. There have been some needed repairs done on the several hose houses. There has been a room assigned to the fire department in the City building and the fire alarm has been transferred from the Cushnoc hose house to said room which makes it more convenient for the fire department and the electrician and also less expense to the City. There has also been added to the fire alarm system one new box No. 65 on Gage Street near shoe factory.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. That when the fire department is re-organized the first of April the new combination hose and ladder wagon be put in hose house No. 1, with a membership of 18 men and the present No. 1 hose wagon be transferred to No. 2 house with a membership of 14 men; that the present hook and ladder company be disbanded and some of the men be transferred to hose No. 1 and hose No. 2; that the old hook and ladder truck and No. 2 hose wagon be sold.

2nd. That there be 1000 feet of new hose purchased for the fire department as they are getting short of good hose.

3rd. That there be some preparation made for a pair of horses to be used in hose house No. 2.

4th. That the city team No. 1 be put in charge of the fire department and not allowed to go out of its district only in case of fire.

5th. That there be some needed repairs done on steam fire engine Cushnoc No. 1 in case of emergency.

6th. That there be some needed repairs done on hose houses No. 1 and 2 in the way of carpenter work.

7th. That there be some of the hose houses painted the coming season, as they are very much in need of it.

The following is a list of the reservoirs, their capacity and location, also, the fire alarm boxes and their location:

No.

1 (Filled up.)

2 Cushnoc Heights, junction Northern avenue and Washington street.....300 hogsheads.

3 Spring street.....200 "

4	Bangor street.....	200	hogsheads.
5	Cony street.....	200	"
6	Middle street.....	200	"
7	Middle street, junction Eastern avenue.....	300	"
8	Court street.....	200	"
9	Sewall street.....	200	"
10	Grammar school house yard.....	125	"
11	Corner Elm and Bridge streets.....	125	"
12	Water street.....	125	"
13	Corner of Gage and Green streets.....	125	"
14	Augusta House yard (private).....	125	"
15	(filled up.)		
16	School house yard, Cushnoc Heights	125	"
17	Winthrop street.....	80	"
18	Bridge street, near North street.....	300	"
19	Pettengill's corner.	150	"
20	Crosby street.....	300	"
21	Sewall street, near Lincoln.....	300	"

HYDRANTS.

The following is a list of hydrants and their location :

- 1 Junction Northern avenue and Franklin streets, west side of avenue.
- 2 Corner Franklin and Oxford streets.
- 3 Corner Washington and Franklin streets.
- 4 Corner Northern avenue and Jefferson street.
- 5 Corner Oxford street and Northern avenue.
- 6 Corner Jefferson and Kendall streets.
- 7 Corner Washington street, foot of lane near F. A. Brann's house.
- 8 Corner Northern avenue and York street.
- 9 Corner Northern avenue and Mill street.
- 10 Corner Mt. Vernon avenue and Mill street.
- 11 Centre of Bond street.
- 12 Corner State and Laurel streets.
- 13 Corner Crosby street and Hunt's lane.
- 14 Corner State and Bridge streets.
- 15 Corner Bridge and Summer streets.
- 16 Centre of Elm street.
- 17 Corner Bridge and Winter streets.
- 18 Corner Bridge and North streets.
- 19 Corner Bridge and Commercial streets.
- 20 City Farm.
- 21 Chestnut street, opposite George O. Tobey's.
- 22 Corner Chestnut and Court streets.
- 23 Corner Winthrop and Sewall streets.
- 24 Corner Winthrop and Chapel streets.
- 25 Corner Green and Chapel streets.
- 26 Centre of Melville street.
- 27 Corner Sewall and Weston streets.
- 28 Corner Green and Chestnut streets.
- 29 Corner Cushman and Green streets.
- 30 Corner Western avenue and Chestnut street.
- 31 Corner Sewall and Lincoln streets.
- 32 Corner Sewall and Capitol streets.
- 33 Corner Western avenue and Chapel street.
- 34 Corner Grove and Chapel streets.
- 35 State street, near Capitol street.
- 36 State street, near Augusta House.
- 37 East corner of Crescent and Grove streets.
- 38 Corner Gage and Swan streets.

- 39 Corner Green and Grove streets.
- 40 Corner State and Chandler streets.
- 41 Corner State street, near Green street.
- 42 Southeast corner Court house lot on Court street.
- 43 North corner Court house lot on Court street.
- 44 Corner State and Oak streets.
- 45 Corner Flagg and Church streets.
- 46 Water street, railroad crossing, foot of Rines' hill.
- 47 Hay Market Square.
- 48 Water street, foot of Oak street.
- 49 Water street, opposite Cony House.
- 50 Water street, near Darby block.
- 51 Water street, near Gaslin's stable.
- 52 Water street, near railroad bridge.
- 53 Water street, opposite Laurel street.
- 54 Corner Dickman and Oak streets.
- 55 South end passenger station, Winthrop street.
- 56 Corner Cony and Bowman streets.
- 57 Corner Cony and Arsenal streets.
- 58 Corner Cony and Stone streets.
- 59 Corner Bangor and Myrtle streets.
- 60 Corner Maple and Willow streets.
- 61 Corner Cony and Gannett streets.
- 62 Corner Gannett and Patterson streets.
- 63 Corner Pearl and Patterson streets.
- 64 School street, opposite school house.
- 65 Corner Bangor and School streets.
- 66 Corner Bangor street and Belfast road.
- 67 Corner Allen and Locke streets.
- 68 Corner Middle and Stone streets.
- 69 Corner East Chestnut and Hospital streets.
- 70 Corner Hospital street and Eastern avenue.
- 71 Corner Middle and Cedar streets.
- 72 Eastern avenue, opposite J. P. Smith's house.
- 73 Arsenal street, opposite Sturgis, Lambard & Co.'s stable.
- 74 Corner Arsenal and Cedar streets.
- 75 Corner Arsenal and East Chestnut streets.
- 76 Corner Arsenal and Williams streets.
- 77 Centre Spring street, near Dr. Brickett's house.
- 78 Corner Middle and East Chestnut streets.
- 79 Bangor street, 500 feet north of H. H. Harvey's shop.
- 80 Bangs' mills, east end of dam.
- 81 Water front, back of North's block.
- 82 Maple street, near Bangs Bros.'s mill.
- 83 State street, south of State House.
- 84 Capitol street, near J. B. Perry's.
- 85 Corner Child and High streets.
- 86 Corner Patterson street and Belfast road.
- 87 Cony street, Malta Hill, near James Savage's house.
- 88 Maple street, near railroad crossing.
- 89 Willow street, opposite Gannett's publishing house.
- 90 Hospital street.
- 91 Corner Bangor and Quimby streets.
- 92 Pearl street, near Quimby.
- 93 Murray street, near Pearl.
- 94 Gage street, near shoe factory.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Location of boxes as follows:

No.

- 25 Cushnoc Heights.
- 27 Near Webber & Gage's mill.
- 29 Washington street. near Jefferson.
- 32 Water street, near railroad bridge.
- 35 Water street, near Granite Bank Building.
- 37 Hartford square.
- 38 Corner of Cony and Willow streets.
- 39 Water street, near Edwards mills.
- 41 Corner of Gannett and School streets.
- 42 Corner of Cony and Bangor streets.
- 43 Corner of Middle and East Chestnut streets.
- 44 Corner of Patterson street and Belfast road.
- 45 Corner of Arsenal street and Eastern avenue.
- 46 Hospital (private).
- 47 Corner of Maple and Willow streets.
- 48 Pettengill's Corner.
- 49 Pulp mill (private).
- 51 Corner of Bridge and State streets.
- 52 Bridge street, corner Spring.
- 54 Corner Sewall and Green streets.
- 56 Corner Winthrop and State streets.
- 57 Corner State street and Western avenue.
- 58 Corner of Court and Chapel streets.
- 59 State House (private).
- 61 Stapleton, Gage street.
- 63 Corner Sewall and Capitol streets.
- 65 Gage street, opposite shoe factory.

EXPENSE.

The following is the expense of the fire department for the past year.

FIRE LOSSES.

Total loss of fire for the past year as near as can be ascertained, \$22,698.25 on which there was an insurance of \$19,449.68, total loss over and above insurance \$3,248.57.

REMARKS.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Honorable Mayor and City Government and Committee on fire department also City Marshall and police force for their cordial support for the past year.

Respectfully submitted

C. W. RICKER, *Chief Engineer.*

Rec'd Mar. 23, '98.

Sam'l W. Lane, City Auditor.

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Mayor and City Government:

I hereby submit my second annual report as city physician of Augusta, Maine.

We have had less sickness on the whole among our city's poor than last year, there having been no outbreaks of epidemic diseases in the city or at the almshouse. Your city physician has made two hundred and forty-eight calls in all outside the office, and attended to eighty-four calls in office, and furnished medicine in all cases. Great improvement has been made at the almshouse for the comfort and happiness of its inmates, and I personally know that the inmates appreciate the many kind attentions shown them by the superintendent and his wife. Attentions that they never knew before at the almshouse. The building is kept as neat and tidy now as such an institution can be, which is conducive to good health. The inmates have all had good care, nursing and proper food, since the first of April, 1897. Outside the almshouse I have attended two cases of typhoid fever and other ills that the human race is heir to, and especially those who live in filth.

Many of the paupers of Augusta live outside the city proper, all the way from three to ten miles, which gives the city physician many pleasurable rides especially when the calls come some dark, stormy night, or when he has other paying business.

The greater part of the physician's duty as a city official is due to our over crowded French population, among whom there is no lack of dirt and distress. Another cause of sickness in certain localities is due to surface drainage instead of good sewerage. The proper city officials should give their attention to such condition of affairs, as to cause them to be eradicated.

Much credit is due to the overseer of poor for the kindness he has shown in trying to relieve the sick and distressed of our city's poor, by granting the required assistance in time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

WELLINGTON JOHNSON, *City Physician.*

Rec'd Mar. 26, 1898.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit for your approval my report as City Marshal for the municipal year ending March 1, A. D. 1898.

The following are the prosecutions for the year:

Whole number of arrests for the year.....	505
Drunkenness committed and fined.....	100
" discharged on probation.....	75
" sent out of city.....	100
Let off on good behavior.....	80
Disturbance.....	12
Cruelty to animals.....	4
Indecent exposure.....	2
Bastardy.....	2
Affray.....	2
Complaint to keep the peace.....	3
Fast driving.....	3
Forgery.....	1
Slander.....	1
Breaking and entering.....	4
Search and seizure.....	14
Single sale.....	8
Malicious mischief.....	8
Assault and battery.....	34
Evading railroad fares.....	2
" board bills.....	2
Vagrancy.....	7
Assault to commit rape.....	2
Arrests and turned over to out of town officers.....	5
Co-habitation.....	2
Arson.....	2
Fornication.....	2
Larceny.....	22
Tramps.....	6

696 persons have been given lodging and food.

In addition to the above, I have served twenty-five warrants to search and seize liquors, and have made seventeen seizures.

Other business done by the police :

37 disturbances settled without arrest.

30 stores found unlocked.

8 runaway horses were caught.

4 leaks in water pipes were reported.

3 carriages broken and disposed of.

4 stolen teams found and returned to owners.

30 truant school children caught and returned to school.

5 committed to Insane Hospital.

2 insane persons picked up on street and cared for.

6 lost children found and returned to parents.

10 holes in street and sidewalk—lanterns were put up by officers.

35 times goods were found outside stores and returned to owners.

30 pieces of household goods stolen, found and returned to owners.

27 horses cared for by officers on street.

30 public carriages were licensed at five (\$5) dollars per carriage, one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars of which I collected and paid the same over to the City Treasurer and took receipt for same.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to His Honor the Mayor and gentlemen of the City Council, and also to the police force who have given me so much assistance in my efforts to preserve good order in our city.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY T. MORSE, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF STREET COMMISSIONER.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta :

GENTLEMEN : I herewith submit my report as Street Commissioner for the Eastern District, for the year ending March 1, 1898 :

EXPENDITURES.

<i>Summer.</i>		<i>Winter.</i>	
Village.	\$1,531 47	Village.....	\$925 59
Bangor road.....	154 80	Bangor road.....	254 85
Church Hill road...	187 40	Church Hill road ...	267 87
North Belfast road..	558 34	North Belfast road..	411 78
Windsor road.....	76 75	Windsor road.....	88 40
Cross Hill road.....	39 00	Cross Hill road.....	65 50
South Belfast road..	548 92	South Belfast road..	345 96
Mud Mills road.....	48 74	Mud Mills road.....	44 10
Togus road.....	328 65	Togus road.....	308 69
Ward road.....	53 46	Ward road.....	51 19
Chelsea road.....	40 34	Chelsea road.....	98 05
Ingraham road.....	10 55	Ingraham road.....	30 49
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	\$3,578 42		\$2,892 47
Highway, special.....			\$1,025 46
Sewers.....			193 03
New streets.....			6 00
Kennebec bridge.....			442 31

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

One road machine (new), 1 road machine (old), 5 sidewalk scrapers, 1 snow scraper for bridge, 1 catch-basin cover (20-inch), 24 snow shovels (wood), 5 square shovels (steel), 5 round shovels (steel), 2 steel bars, 1 catch-basin scoop, 1 axe, 1 box drills and wedges, 2 hoes, 1 hand scraper for bridge, 1 rake, 1 stone hammer, 1 sod fork, 1 sod cutter.

P. N. SAVAGE, *Street Commissioner.*

REPORT OF CITY SOLICITOR.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta :

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Law Department of the city for the municipal year ending March 31, 1898 :

The cases pending at the commencement of the past year were as follows :

City of Gardiner vs. City of Augusta, Superior Court, Kennebec County.

Clara Gardiner vs. City of Augusta, Superior Court, Kennebec County.

Inhabitants of Town of Dixfield vs. City of Augusta, Supreme Judicial Court, Oxford County.

City of Augusta vs. Inhabitants of town of Danforth, Superior Court, Kennebec County

City of Augusta vs. City of Biddeford, Superior Court, Kennebec County.

City of Augusta vs. Inhabitants of Farmington, Superior Court, Kennebec County.

City of Augusta vs. David P. Kimball and James Van Deventer, Trustees of Estate of Horace Williams, Supreme Judicial Court, Kennebec County.

The following new cases have arisen during the past year in which the city is a party :

Inhabitants of Cornish vs. City of Augusta, Supreme Judicial Court, York County.

Inhabitants of Town of Sidney vs. City of Augusta, Superior Court, Kennebec County.

City of Waterville vs. City of Augusta, to be entered Superior Court, Kennebec County, April term, 1898.

George H. Brickett vs. City of Augusta, Superior Court, Kennebec County.

The case of *City of Gardiner vs. City of Augusta*, has been in Court for a long time, pending an adjustment of the pauper settlement of one Lorenzo Morang. This case will probably be adjusted without litigation at the April term of the Superior Court, held in this county.

The case of *Clara Gardiner vs. City of Augusta* is an action for damages for injuries on the highway. Counsel for the plaintiff in this case has not insisted on a jury trial, and at his request the case has been continued from term to term. I have always considered that the city had a legal defense to this action. I shall use my best efforts to have the case finally disposed of at the April term of our Superior Court.

The action of *Town of Dixfield vs. City of Augusta*, involving the pauper settlement of Lovisa L. Churchill, was, after a thorough investigation of the facts relative to the pauper settlement of Mrs. Churchill by Mr. Robertson, Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, and the City Solicitor, settled by the payment to the town of Dixfield the sum of \$100, and by this adjustment the settlement of Mrs. Churchill was determined to be in Augusta.

The case *City of Augusta vs. Inhabitants of Danforth*, involving the lawful settlement of B. H. Moody and family, was discontinued after a thorough investigation of all the facts relative thereto.

The case *City of Augusta vs. City of Biddeford*, involving the lawful settlement of Alphonse Provost, his wife and six children, was settled by the city of Biddeford paying into the city treasury of Augusta the amount involved for pauper supplies.

The case *City of Augusta vs. Inhabitants of Farmington*, involving a bill of \$55.88, and the pauper settlement of W. H. Haryell, was thoroughly and carefully investigated by Mr. Robertson, and as he deemed the city had no case, the action was discontinued.

The action *City of Augusta vs. David P. Kimball, et al, Trustees*, involving a tax bill of \$3,123.21, assessed to said Trustees on certain annuities payable in this city, was argued with great ability and thoroughness for the city of Augusta by Hon. W. S. Choate before the law court at Portland in July last. The law court has as yet rendered no decision on the questions of law involved in the suit.

The case *City of Waterville vs. City of Augusta* involves the pauper settlement of Matilo Baldie and her three minor children,

and a bill for pauper supplies amounting to \$53.75. This case will be entered at the April term of our Superior Court, and if litigated, will be in order for trial in September.

The suit *Inhabitants of Sidney vs. City of Augusta*, which was entered at the November term of our Superior Court 1897, was settled in December last by the payment to the town of Sidney of the bill involved for pauper supplies furnished to one Abigail Reid.

The suit of *George H. Brickett vs. City of Augusta* was to recover the sum of \$368 for medical attendance and medicines furnished to one Della S. Jewell. As the pauper settlement of Della S. Jewell had been previously determined, as the result of an important lawsuit between the city of Augusta and inhabitants of Skowhegan, to be in the town of Skowhegan, the said town was notified of the pending suit of *Brickett vs. Augusta*, and was requested to come in and defend the same. This case was settled by the town of Skowhegan paying Dr. George H. Brickett the sum of \$100 and costs.

The case *Inhabitants of Town of Cornish vs. City of Augusta*, was a suit to recover the sum of \$255 for pauper supplies furnished to one Lizzie Hersom. The case has recently been settled, or an agreement for settlement made, by which the city of Augusta is to pay the sum of \$187 in full settlement of this action.

The following claims for damages for injuries on the highway, have been made against the city during the past year:

The claim of Kate B. Williams for injuries sustained resulting from a fall on the stone steps on Oak street. This matter I have now under investigation.

Also the claim of John A. Buckley vs. City of Augusta for injuries sustained by falling into a hole at or near the junction of Grove, State streets and Western Avenue. To this claim I am confident that the city has a perfect legal defence.

Also the claim of John C. Walker for damages for injuries sustained by reason of the alleged defective condition of the wooden sidewalk on the North side of Eastern Avenue. I have made a careful investigation into the facts of this case, and my opinion is, that the city has a perfect legal defence to the claim.

Many duties requiring legal services have been rendered during the past municipal year, such as advice to the various municipal officers of the city. Occasion required the drafting of one legal opinion, and the expenditure of considerable energy in an effort to collect in delinquent sewer assessments, the whole amount paid in to the City Treasurer, both directly and indirectly, being in the vicinity of \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. LEIGH, JR., *City Solicitor.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BURIALS.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Burials for the municipal year ending March 1, 1898. Following is a list of deaths for the past municipal year, in the city of Augusta, as reported to me, with date, age, and cause of death:

DATE. 1897.	NAMES.	AGE.	DISEASES.
Mar. 1	Mary R. Ford	65	yrs. Cancer of bowels.
1	Alice Quirion.....	11	mos. Cholera infantum.
1	Annie Mary Williams...	22	yrs. Typhoid fever.
1	Catherine Violette.....	7	Capillary bronchitis.
2	Ernest L. Butterfield ...	18	Epilepsy.
3	William Whittingham...	27	Consumption.
4	Ida M. Chick.....	33	Hydro-pericardium.
5	Miles H. Keene.....	69	Chronic diarrhœa.
6	Malvina Dejadins.....	14	mos. Peritonitis.
7	Joel Richardson ...	85	yrs. Uraemia.
7	Annie E. Matthews.....	61	Paralysis of the heart.
7	Mrs. Annie McLaughlin	30	Acute neuralgia of heart.
8	John E. Tobin.....	33	Phthisis pulmonalis.
8	William Wallace Wedge	36	Pulmonary tuberculosis.
9	Ernest L. Jordan.....	26	Apoplexy.
10	Lucien F. Gaudreau.....	1	Measles with pneumonia and Meningitis.
11	Fred Lewis.....	35	Embolism.
12	Mary A. Jackson	79	Grippe complicated with asth- ma.
13	G. A. Webber.....	23	Typhoid.
14	Hartwell A. Jenkins ...	74	Catarrhal pneumonia.
14	Greenleaf W. Ward.....	59	Dropsy.
16	Mrs. Sarah G. Smith....	91	La Grippe.
16	Sarah M. Wells	87	Hypertrophy of heart.
17	Tillinghast Springer....	81	Chronic Bright's disease.
18	Orrin A. Bunker.....	29	Epilepsy.
20	Cynthia M. Foster	69	Pneumonia.
21	Prentiss M. Fogler.....	58	Burns.
21	Winifred J. Small.....	1	Capillary bronchitis.
21	Joe Hopkins.....	50	Anasarca.
21	Mona B. Doe.....	12	Diabetes mel.
22	Geo. H. Dudley.....	39	Typhoid pneumonia.
24	Mrs. Lydia A. Blackman	61	Chronic hepatitis.
24	Wm. Anderson.....	11	Catarrhal pneumonia.

LIST OF BURIALS—*Continued.*

DATE. 1897.	NAMES.	AGE.	DISEASE.
	24 Pomeroy	13	hrs. Congenital heart trouble.
	24 Eliza A. Morton	79	yrs. Senile Asthenia.
	24 Sadie Pomeroy	4	Phthisis.
	25 Richard W. Black	62	Exhaustion from pulmonary abscess following pneumonia.
	25 Delia A. Young	28	Blood tumor.
	27 Annie A. Allen	31	General tuberculosis.
	28 Rachel B. Folsom	88	Old age.
	28 Emma Hussey	58	Chronic mania.
	29 Nora Farrell	25	Consumption.
	29 Daniel Hasson	70	La grippe.
	29 Catherine A. Urquhart	27	Typhoid fever.
	29 Mary T. Groves	84	Catarrhal pneumonia.
	29 Mrs. Mattie Hanson	29	Acute tuberculosis (general).
	29 Percy Brooking Getchell	11	mos. Capillary bronchitis
	29 Priscilla F. Sweetser	37	yrs. Phthisis.
	31 Mary E. Boud	55	Apoplexy.
Apr.	1 Laura A. Savage	75	Complication of diseases.
	2 Josephine Pomeroy	25	Pneumonia.
	2 William S. Badger	77	Apoplexy.
	4 Lavinia Shaw	76	Catarrhal pneumonia.
	4 Moses Bickford	65	Pneumonia.
	4 Wm. Nichols, child of	3	days. Accidental.
	5 Benjamin Webber	56	yrs. Asphyxia
	5 James Brown	40	Terminal dementia.
	13 Howard H. Lee	2	mos. Inanition.
	15 Mrs. Elvira Sawyer	41	yrs. Pneumonia.
	16 Ida M. Haskell	30	Dropsy due valvular disease of the heart.
	16 Mary H. Morton	77	Cancer of breast.
	17 Martha D. Johnson	76	Old age.
	17 William Gage	78	Heart disease.
	17 Susan A. Lovejoy	67	Hepatic colic.
	17 Clara K. Bell	39	Phthisis.
	21 Elenor W. Guild	76	Hemiplegia (left).
	23 Levi Rodrick	43	Typhoid fever.
	25 Samuel J. Penslee	70	Valvular disease of heart.
	28 Belle Knowles	52	Ulceration of stomach and bowels.
	29 Geo. R. Smith	51	General paralysis.
	29 Mrs. Diana Lyon	79	Senility and complications.
May	2 Mary J. French	81	Disease of stomach.
	2 William Chaput	1	Enterocolitis and capillary bronchitis.
	4 Nellie M. Lincoln	42	Apoplexy.
	5 Fred Wm. Penn, child of	3	mos. Marasmus.
	6 Jennie N. Hersom	49	yrs. Chronic mania.
	9 Fred R. Hupper	55	Melancholia.
	10 John J. Hawkes	45	Typhoid pneumonia.
	13 Lottie C. Rogers	16	Acute meningitis.
	14 Clara J. Parsons	47	Acute meningitis.
	14 Addie E. Daniels	28	Tumor of stomach and bowels.
	17 Milton N. Benjamin	69	Cancer of stomach.
	17 Ann Dougherty	75	Heart failure.
	20 James M. Philbrick	64	Chronic bronchitis.

LIST OF BURIALS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	DISEASE.
	20 Joseph Parquette.....	20	Heart disease.
	21 Chas. A. Brown.....	63	Chronic Dementia.
	23 Lewis B. Moore.....		Drowning, accidental.
	23 Joseph M. Wight.....	24	Drowning, accidental.
	23 Edwin L. Nash.....	27	Drowning, accidental.
	26 Mrs. Frank E. Sprague..	37	Diabetes.
	30 Martha S. McIntyre.....	42	Typhomania.
June	3 Martin Nolan.....	86	Heart disease.
	4 Elizabeth C. Myrick....	82	Paralysis.
	5 Eben R. Nevens.....	50	Anasarca.
	9 Henry D. Macomber....	41	Pneumonia.
	10 John J. Stafford.....	29	Hydropericardium.
	11 Midie Belle Roy.....	1	mo. Nephritis and Meningitis.
	11 Benjamin Jackson.....	58	yrs. Terminal Dementia.
	11 D. B. Savage, child of...		Stillborn.
	13 Philip Dudley.....	11	Hydrocephalus.
	14 How'd John'n Chandler	74	Carcinoma.
	15 Isaac Mason.....	81	Pneumonia.
	17 Robert H. Stinson.....	38	Epilepsy.
	22 Joseph Peltier.....		Suffocation.
	24 Geo. M. Clark.....	42	General Paralysis.
	26 Wm. Brown	65	Disease of liver, heart and blood vessels.
	26 Marie Peltier.....		Died in utero.
July	2 Edward Bird.....	25	Enteritis.
	5 Annie Murphy.....	57	Chronic Bronchitis.
	5 Enoch S. F. Norwood...	70	Terminal Dementia.
	Mrs. Catherine M. Lynch	70	Capillary Bronchitis.
	12 B. Frank Morse.....	51	Pulmonary Hemorrhage.
	12 Rosalie Gilbert.....	64	Cancer of the stomach.
	14 F. E. Jacques.....	54	Phthisis pulmonalis.
	14 Mary J. Stackpole.....	53	Heart disease.
	19 Keziah W. Hallowell....	75	Apoplexy.
	19 Josephine Provost.....	26	Tuberculosis.
	19 Margaret H. Frawley...	11	Dropsy from heart disease.
	20 Clara M. Bragg.....	3	Not given.
	20 Joseph H. Boldue.....	8	mos. Unknown.
	21 Leona Rodrique.....	2	Cholera Infantum.
	21 Martin Welch.....	59	yrs. Organic heart disease.
	23 Chas. A. Woolley, child of	12	hrs. Non-viable child.
	26 Lena M. Haskell.....	36	yrs. Consumption of lungs.
	28 Pierre Madore.....	7	General Tuberculosis.
	28 Emile L. Lapointe	1	mo. Gastro-enteritis.
	29 Edwin L. French.....	54	yrs. Hydropericardium.
	29 Ella P. Cormier.....	1	mo. Disease unknown.
	29 Alma F. Cormier.....	1	mo. Disease unknown.
	29 Frank B. Upton, child of	11	hrs. Premature birth.
	30 Alfred A. Hill.....	41	yrs. Terminal Dementia.
	30 Mary E. Bartlett.....	58	Paralysis.
	30 Annie Morrissey.....	1	Cholera Infantum.
	30 Thomas McLaughlin....	6	Disease of spine.
	31 Geo. F. Fortier	1	mo. Disease unknown.
Aug.	1 Mary Norton.....	21	yrs. Epilepsy.
	1 Marie Beledau.....	12	days. Cholera Infantum.
	1 Delvina Perron.....	32	yrs. Metro Peritonitis.

LIST OF BURIALS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	DISEASE.
	2 Rosilla Lawton.....	78	Valvular Disease of Heart.
	2 Joseph Poulin.....	7 mos.	Cholera Infantum.
	3 Marie P. L. Bolduc.....	5	Cholera Infantum.
	4 Dora Poulin.....	7	Enteritis.
	4 Alphonso Rodrique.....	9	Cholera Infantum.
	4 Marie Gagne.....	7	Cholera Infantum.
	4 Fred F. Coombs.....	17 yrs.	Disease of Heart.
	4 Chas. B. Walton.....	31	Paralytic Insanity.
	4 Edgar McKenney.....	30	Anasarca.
	5 Susan R. Crockett.....	66	Brights Disease.
	5 Bassett J. Smith.....	59	Paralytic Insanity.
	6 Chas. J. V. Begia.....	6 mos.	Cholera Infantum.
	7 Edmund Trien.....	5	Disease unknown.
	7 Horace B. Washburn...	58 yrs.	Cerebral Embolism.
	8 Harriett Palmer.....	85	Cancer of stomach and liver.
	10 George Hooper.....	50	Typhomania.
	12 Joseph L. Blouin.....	16 days.	Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
	12 Wm. H. Libby.....	65 yrs.	Disease of stomach.
	13 Joseph R. Dostie.....	1 day.	Debility.
	15 Wm. F. Looney.....	46 yrs.	Strangulation.
	15 Jessie Edna Obin.....	7 days.	Cholera Infantum.
	18 Muriel Miller.....	2 yrs.	Cholera Morbus.
	19 Agnes O'Hara.....	11 mos.	Cholera Infantum.
	20 Samuel P. Webber.....	43 yrs.	Hydropericardium.
	20 Reuben S. Randall.....	63	Acute Melancholia.
	21 Aurora Vathieu.....	5 mos.	Disease unknown. Probably dysentery.
	21 Chas. A. Price.....	31 yrs.	Lymphadenoma.
	23 Elizabeth Blanchette...	32	Mania.
	24 Joseph Moses Doins....	21 days.	Cholera Infantum.
	25 Crawford B. Bassett....	22 yrs.	Concussion and hemorrhage of brain.
	27 ——— Whitten.....	7 wks.	Cholera Infantum.
	27 Leon Gaslin.....	4 yrs.	Cholera Infantum.
	28 Chas. E. Saunders.....	72	Cancer of stomach.
	28 Byron Morse.....	42	Acute Melancholia.
	29 Michael Chas. O'Brien..	29 days.	Icterus Neonatorum.
	29 Nellie F. Hunt.....	38 yrs.	Phthisis.
	29 Arthur Poulin.....	3 mos.	Cholera Infantum.
	29 James B. Russell....	72 yrs.	Suicide.
	30 Mamie Rodrick.....	2 mos.	Not given.
Sept.	1 Arthur Betit.....	1 mo.	Cholera Infantum.
	1 ——— Marr.....	3	Diarrhoea and Eczema.
	2 Delina Canali.....	2 yrs.	Membranous Croup.
	4 Joseph Ricker.....	83	Dysentery.
	5 Elmer Washburn.....	35	General Paralysis.
	6 Trefle Goselin.....	10 mos.	Cholera Infantum and Menin.
	6 Clara Chaput.....	1 year.	Disease unknown.
	7 Antoine Lessard.....	1	Cholera Infantum.
	10 Joseph Arthur.....	3 mos.	Cholera Infantum.
	11 Cornia Morency.....	1 year.	Cholera Infantum.
	12 Clara L. Rockwood.....	37	Pulmonary Hemorrhage.
	14 Elizabeth Garland.....	36	Chronic Mania.
	14 Matilda Robinson.....	60	Chronic Mania.
	15 Evelyn L. Packard.....	53	Chronic Insanity.

LIST OF BURIALS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	DISEASES.
	16 Lepherine Bolduc.....	23	Mania.
	16 Nancy Seekins.....	60	Abscess of bowels.
	16 Grace E. Milliken.....	37	Chronic Melancholia.
	17 Joseph Ferland.....		Deceased placenta.
	17 George Spencer.....	41	Typhomania.
	19 Bryant Black.....	14 days.	Marasmus from premature b.
	20 James L. Jones.....	61 yrs.	Acute Mania.
	23 Thomas F. Pooler.....	13	Appendicitis.
	24 Mary Ida Godin.....	7 mos.	Enterocolitis.
	26 William T. Williams.....	1 year.	Enterocolitis.
	26 Ella L. Kenney.....	42	Typhomania.
	27 Rose Wedge.....	30	Syphilis.
	27 Angeletta E. Merrill.....	5 mos.	Illeo Colitis.
	28 Frances Carpenter.....	85 yrs.	Old Age.
	29 Sophie Hamel.....	81	Old Age.
	29 George H. Ramsell.....	63	Heart Disease.
	29 Herman V. Gillespie.....	2	Illeo colitis followed by intestinal paralysis.
Oct.	29 Willie F. Giroux.....	10 mos.	Disease unknown.
	1 Margaret Anna Neal.....	6	Broncho Pneumonitis.
	1 James Cummings.....	70 yrs.	Paralysis.
	2 Horace Ingraham.....	62	Intestinal obstruction.
	3 Louis Philip Gobeille.....	1	Enteritis.
	3 Morris Miller.....	4	Dysentery.
	4 Miss Emma Donovan ..	31	Abdominal Phthisis.
	4 John A. L. Dunn.....	50	Apoplexy.
	4 Charles Howard.....	90	Paralysis.
	4 Jos. Gobrean.....	9 days.	Cholera Infantum.
	4 Joseph Geo. Chaput.....	21	Disease unknown.
	7 Joseph Come Lizotte.....	17	Icterus Neonatoum.
	8 Jas. W. Burke.....	31 yrs.	General Paralysis.
	9 Reuel Townsend.....	92	Senile Debility.
	10 Emily E. Furlush.....	56	Chronic Dementia.
	11 Marie Ange F. Pare.....	4 mos.	Cholera Infantum and Menin.
	16 Alonzo W. Kimball.....	60 yrs.	Melancholia.
	19 Reddington P. Morton.....	56	Bright's disease.
	19 Annie Dumont.....	41	Melancholia.
	20 Geo. F. Kilbourne.....	6 mos.	Capillary Bronchitis.
	21 Emeline P. Bowman.....	67 yrs.	Stricture of Pylorus.
	21 Estelle Shaw.....	53	Chronic Melancholia.
	24 Corrinna Chaput.....	18 mos.	Diarrhoea and teething.
	25 Joseph Pomerleau.....	21 days.	Unknown. No physician.
	25 Orville D. Lombard.....	67 yrs.	Chronic Interstitial Nephritis.
	26 Orrin E. Ward.....	54	Apoplexy.
	27 F. A. Cushing.....	5 wks.	Diarrhoea.
	28 Marie Josephine Bolduc.....	18 days.	Meningitis.
	29 Ira Lee Lake.....	3 mos.	Found dead in bed. Cause unknown. Never sick.
	29 Ralph E. Davis.....	6	Meningitis.
Nov.	30 John H. Mulverhill.....	25 yrs.	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	1 Jennie Nutting.....	22	Diphtheria.
	2 Mary Olive Bates.....	70	Melancholia.
	2 Clement Stetson.....	59	Locomotor Ataxia.
	3 Charles Henry Hallett.....	53	Angina Pectoris—Valvular disease of heart.

LIST OF BURIALS—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	DISEASE.
	4 Margaret Donovan	48	Apoplexy.
	4 F. H. Getchell, child of	0	Asphyxia.
	5 William Briarley	49	General Paralysis.
	5 Mat Johnson	49	Acute Mania.
	5 Virginie H. North	62	Pneumonia and heart failure.
	6 John Clarence McGraw	4 mos.	Inflammation of lungs.
	6 Margaret Cusack	44 yrs.	Acute miliary tuberculosis.
	7 Christina Jorgenson ..	48	Mania.
	7 Matthias Lambert	84	Senile Dementia.
	7 Emelie Valiere	49	Hepatic Curhosis.
	8 Wm. C. Woodworth	78	Terminal Dementia.
	12 Wm. H. Smith	77	Chronic Cystitis and Kidney disease.
	13 Annie Breton	10 mos.	Pneumonia.
	13 Julia Morrill Allen	85 yrs.	Capillary Bronchitis.
	13 Joseph A. Latulippe	3 mos.	Unknown.
	16 Charles Shaw	85 yrs.	Senile Debility.
	18 Edwin N. Egery	50	General Paresis.
	19 Alexis D. Roy	2 mos.	Gastro Enteritis.
	20 Alonzo Britt	38	Double Pneumonia.
	20 Irene E. Colby	58	Cerebral Meningitis.
	21 Orrin Clough	57	Anasarca.
	22 Sarah J. Conner	79	Capillary Bronchitis.
	26 Radford M. Estes	57	General Paralysis.
	27 Amelia Kennedy	34	General Paralysis.
	29 Eugene Blackington ..	38	Intestinal Obstruction.
Dec.	3 Rosalie Samuel	3 mos.	Meningitis.
	3 George Estes	86 yrs.	Senile Dementia.
	3 Alice Tuicnor	1	Convulsions and Broncho Pneumonia.
	3 Sarah Carpenter	70	Senile Dementia.
	6 Jessie A. Crooker	24	Typhomania.
	7 Alexander Allen Ray ..	47	Typhoid Fever.
	8 E. E. Bond, child of ..	0	Stillborn.
	8 Elnena Bowden	58	Mania.
	14 Mary Jane Gale	45	Uraemia.
	18 Geo. Pooler	6 mos.	Ileco Colitis.
	19 Carrie R. Littlefield ..	34 yrs.	Phlebitis.
	19 George A. Smart	44	Surgical shock from amputation of thigh.
	20 Selvira Nevens	85	Senile Dementia.
	22 Russel Weatherhead ..	1	Ileco Colitis.
	23 Bertha May Nicholas ..	2	Gastro Enteritis.
	23 Carl Johnson	7 mos.	Hydrocephaloid of brain.
	24 Elizabeth Jones	2	Malnutrition. (Was fed artificially.)
	24 John O. Weston	42 yrs.	General Paralysis.
	25 Hazel May Crocker	1	Eclamsia caused by indigestion.
	25 Michael Kelley	42	Alcoholism.
	27 Mrs. Louisa K. Lynn ..	52	Diabetes.
	27 Delina Rodrique	17	Gastro Enteritis.
	28 Margaret Morgan	34	Chronic Mania.
	28 Otis B. Friend	65	Heart Disease.
	31 Lewis Tibbetts	78	Bright's Disease.

LIST OF BURIALS—*Concluded.*

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.	DISEASE.
1898.			
Jan.	1 William G. Bartlett....	83 yrs.	Chronic melancholia.
	1 Ida L. Grant.....	36	Cardiac dropsy.
	1 John R. Caust.....	51	General paralysis.
	2 Isaac D. Bryan.....	59	Acute melancholia.
	2 Ezra W. Emery.....	37	Pneumonia.
	4 Phenia Brown.....	29	Melancholia.
	6 Harriett W. Craig.....	86	Catarrhal pneumonia.
	9 George A. Blodgett....	49	Disease of spine.
	10 John H. Clough, child of	0	Premature birth.
	12 Annie Goodrich Cony...	49	Pneumonia.
	12 Annie L. Cheney.....	34	La grippe.
	12 Jennie F. Ward.....	48	Cancer of bowels.
	14 Charles L. Osborne.....	40	Killed by R. R. train.
	14 Marie Grenier.....	0	Want of nutrition.
	17 Lucy B. Sherman.....	80	Capillary bronchitis.
	18 Sophia E. Kaler.....	91	Pneumonia.
	20 Willard W. Snell.....	33	Bronchitis.
	22 Wm. F. Hoyt.....	55	Terminal dementia.
	24 Bernard Thronton.....	42	Chronic mania.
	25 Sarah V. Sturgis.....	41	Terminal dementia.
	26 Will Folsom, child of...	0	Stillborn.
	28 Mrs. Nellie E. Cole.....	37	Septic peritonitis.
	29 Zulema R. Hoyt.....	62	Pneumonia.
Feb.	1 Lawrence F. Chase.....	11 days.	Inflammation of liver.
	5 F. Gertrude Craig.....		Pneumonia.
	5 Philip McCormick.....	77 yrs.	Heart disease.
	5 George B. Wadleigh....	57	Organic heart disease.
	7 Alfonso Garland.....	18	Epilepsy.
	7 Hannah Murphy.....	76	La grippe.
	7 Faith Imogene Burgess..	4	Uraemia fol. typhoid fever.
	8 Albert Henry Hanson...	2 mos.	Malnutrition.
	8 Catherine E. Murphy...	57 yrs.	Apoplexia.
	9 Wm. Busha.....	5 wks.	Malnutrition.
	14 Samantha J. Kimball...	65 yrs.	Terminal dementia.
	15 Grace Chadwick.....	34	Catarrhal gastritis.
	15 Ethel M. Blish.....	14	Typhoid fever.
	16 Margaret J. Wasgatt....	75	Organic heart disease.
	19 James Doyle.....	90	Heart and stomach disease.
	22 Sam T. Mason.....	7 mos.	Capillary bronchitis.
	22 Lizzie C. Benson.....	78 yrs.	Mania.
	23 Carl W. Comstock.....	0	Uraemia.
	24 Edward Marr.....	2	Cerebro spinal meningitis,
	25 Mrs. Climena M. Pike...	81	Capillary bronchitis.

CEMETERY LOTS SOLD.

Mt. Pleasant cemetery, 25½ lots.....	\$255 00
Riverside cemetery, 5 lots.....	50 00
Total.....	\$305 00

Respectfully submitted,
C. O. TIBBETTS, *Superintendent of Burials.*

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Augusta, Me. :

GENTLEMEN: As required by the ordinances of the city, I hereby submit to you my report of the Poor Department for the year ending March 1, 1898.

When I entered upon my duties I knew little of the details of the business devolving upon me. I had no definite knowledge of the number and names of those having legal claims upon the city for support, of the condition of the City Alms House and Farm, and improvements needed therein, and of the condition of the accounts of the Poor Department. I made it my first duty, therefore, to inform myself in these regards.

In ascertaining the legal claims of such persons as any question arose concerning, information was sought at first from the Chairman of the Board of Overseers for the preceding year, but with no success, as will appear from the following letter :

AUGUSTA, ME., Aug. 30, '97.

LIZZIE H. McCORMICK, City Building, Augusta, Me. :

In reply to yours of this date, there may be some mistake in the name. If you were seeking information for yourself, I would be pleased to assist you.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES J. MAHER.

From Mr. A. W. Brooks, however, I have received ready and valuable assistance in this direction, so far as he himself had any knowledge.

The condition of the Alms House was found as little creditable to the city as had been represented by the Rev. Mr. Cummings. Indeed, his representation fell short of the reality. The sanitary conditions of the basement were such as to demand immediate remedy, by arranging for thorough drainage, re-cementing and whitewashing. The halls and the rooms of the inmates had to be

thoroughly cleaned, the ceilings whitewashed, and in some cases, the walls painted to render them fit for use. The furnishings were found such that it became necessary to purchase new beds and bedding, and additional furniture, and a large amount of crockery and kitchen furnishings.

There was no room in which the inmates could assemble socially. In the third story, only one room was warmed. In cold weather, the inmates of other rooms on this floor had to huddle around a single radiator in the hall to keep warm. To remedy these conditions, a large room which had been used for storage purposes, was fitted up for a sitting room. It was thoroughly cleaned, a radiator put in, and furnished with chairs, rockers, a couch, table and organ. It was thus made suitable for the daily use of the inmates where they could sit together and chat or read, and thus enjoy something of real home life, and for use as an assembly room for weekly religious services. In making these changes and improvements, it was sought to make the lives of these deserving poor somewhat more than barely comfortable; to make them pleasant as well, so far as it could be inexpensively done; and to this end many of the citizens of Augusta have generously contributed by the donation of pictures, so that there is now no room in the house upon whose walls there are not three or more of these evidences of the kindly interest of the well-to-do in the well-being of these less fortunate ones. Others have manifested their interest by giving books and papers which are eagerly read and re-read. If those who have made these donations could witness the pleasure which the inmates take in them, and see how much they have thereby done to make bright the daily lives of these poor, they would be paid many times for all they have done.

By the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Hartung as Superintendent and Matron of the Alms House, it became necessary to find others for these positions. It was very fortunate that in Mr. and Mrs. Huntley the right persons were found. While at first, after inspecting the conditions as they were before improvements began, they were somewhat reluctant to assume charge, they finally consented to do so when convinced that these conditions were to be improved. It was fortunate for the city that they did so. They have proved themselves the right persons for the duties devolving upon them. They have seconded every effort put forth to improve farm and house, and to correct existing evils. Each has manifested such an interest in his or her special duties and such fitness for them, that

the success met with in improving the conditions existing when they entered upon their duties, is largely due to them. Especially has Mrs. Huntley, by her courtesy, kindness and sympathy, done much to make the life of the inmates cheerful and pleasant. Without their help it would have been impossible for me to make successful the policy adopted for making the Alms House a real home to its inmates. That it is now such a home, will be at once evident to all who may visit and inspect it, and they will receive a hearty welcome in doing so.

Very soon after assuming charge of the department, bills for expenses incurred by the preceding administration began to be presented and continued to be presented for several months. These bills have amounted in the aggregate to about \$1,200. In addition to debts paid as explained above, there are claims against the city, now in litigation, for supplies furnished by other towns during the preceding years, amounting to about \$500, which, if allowed by the courts, will have to be paid from future appropriations. These facts are here stated, not to reflect upon the management of the preceding board, but to indicate that no inconsiderable amount of the expenditures of the Poor Department for the current year are not properly chargeable to the maintenance for the year. It is to be borne in mind that the expenses of the department for the current year have necessarily been made larger by the improvements made. These extraordinary expenses incurred for renovating basement, putting in pumps needed to furnish water for domestic uses, cleaning, whitewashing and painting, changing the storeroom into a sitting and assembly room and furnishing it, and putting new furniture and bedding into the rooms occupied by the inmates, new furniture and crockery into the dining room, and kitchen furnishings, have amounted to \$1,011.26.

It is also to be remembered that the year has been one of more than usual liability to calls for help from other than those requiring permanent support. Lack of work in many cases, and inability to work because of sickness in other cases, have compelled them to ask aid as a last resort.

In some cases need of public charity has arisen from intemperate habits and the resulting waste of means which ought to have gone for bread and clothing. In still other cases a general shiftlessness and the knowledge that no community will willingly allow any to suffer from want have inspired calls for aid. From these causes combined, the department has found it necessary to furnish aid in

greater or less amounts to some thirty families more than were receiving aid last year. In every case, personal examination of its merits has been made before granting aid.

In this connection may properly be noticed a practice of some parents which is of evil tendency. Instead of themselves personally calling for help, some send their children with notes making the request. Such practice can but serve to educate those children to the notion that the public is responsible for their support, and so to those habits of laziness and shiftlessness which are too often the parents of needless pauperism.

More definite information of the cost of the department will be found in the following general statement of receipts and expenditures, and in the more particular accounts following this statement:

MARCH 1, 1897, TO MARCH 1, 1898.

Expenditures, support of poor.....	\$10,352 14
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RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, support of poor.....	\$6,500 00	
" for repairs.....	1,000 00	
For support of poor belonging to other cities and towns.....	865 72	
For sale of stock.....	292 70	
" sundry receipts from City Farm.....	38 28	
Amount received from Highway Department.....	277 00	
Amount received from Village District.....	18 00	
" due from Highway Department....	153 00	
" " State for burial of soldiers,	140 00	
" " " aid to State pau-		
pers.....	112 43	
		9,397 13
Balance overdrawn.....		955 01
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		\$10,352 14

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1897 and 1898.

Augusta Lumber Co., lumber.....	\$34 83
Baker, T. M., groceries.....	237 66
Bowditch & Webster, medicines.....	27 88
Brooks, A. W., hardware.....	7 00
Blanchard, John Jr., teams for funeral.....	14 70
Bickford, Otis, " " "	7 80

Braley, J. T. & Co., ashes.	52 50
Brickett, Geo. H.. M. D.	200 00
Burleigh & Flynt, printing.	9 25
Burns, A. J., groceries.	4 09
Bussell & Weston, dry goods.	75 65
Boyes, Mrs. Lizzie, house rent.	45 00
Brooks, S. S. & Co., hardware.	51 28
Buckley & Goodrich, dry goods.	19 07
Bean, E. R., plumbing.	13 65
Brunell, Peter, work at City Farm.	3 00
Beck, J. W., clothing.	4 25
Beale, C. & Co., paint, etc.	32 65
Brookings, E. & Co., groceries.	15 54
Chernowsky, H., shoes.	2 00
Choate, Chas. R., hulled corn.	2 40
City of Portland, supplies.	22 00
Clark, A. W., wood and house rent.	22 50
Cony, Fred'k., feed, etc.	373 04
Cote, Ovid, groceries.	46 28
Crooker, L. J. M. D.	19 00
Caret & Dumond, shoes and clothing.	33 26
Casavant & Cloutier, shoes.	128 61
Chandler, J. H., repairs on wagon.	6 65
Cloutier, David, team for funeral.	2 00
Cony, S. L., horse shoeing.	10 22
Cormier, F. J., wood.	7 50
Cross, S. B. & Co., groceries.	29 00
Church E. W., groceries.	3 00
Clark, H. F., nursing.	5 00
Clearwater, Henry P., medicine.	8 90
Cogan, J. H. & Co., hardware.	79 66
Coughlin John, medicine.	12 60
Chesley, Thos. H., cleaning vaults.	1 00
Clark, Frank I., pass keys.	75
Carlton G. W., hog.	8 40
City of Hallowell, groceries and wood.	24 50
Clark, Hiram & Co., pung and repairing.	63 15
Cole, F. W., horse sled.	45 00
Davies, O. C. S., M. D.	121 00
Davis E. E. & Co., clothing.	46 42
Diplock, Geo., work.	18 70
Dostie, E., shoes and dry goods.	21 48
Dunham, Chas., groceries.	7 00
Delano & Shaw, repairing sleighs.	50
Davis, M. F., boarding.	20 00
Davis, Eliza M., boarding and care.	37 35
Doran J. H., "	1 00
Devine, Mrs. Morris, boarding and care.	5 36
Douglass, Enos, driving team.	67 09

Erskine Grocery Co., groceries.....	46 77
Folsom, B. E., groceries.....	19 36
Fowler & Hamlin, dry goods.....	43 42
Fuller, James E., groceries.....	673 42
Friend, G. E., M. D.....	89 00
Fairbanks, Wm. H., veterinary service.....	30 50
Farnham, H., hay.....	8 05
Folger, E. S., cow.....	35 00
Folsom, J. A., groceries.....	17 00
Goddard, A. M., legal service.....	51 61
Gilbert, Mrs. Rosalie, nursing.....	9 00
Geran, Jos., groceries.....	11 00
Gogan, Angie, work.....	39 00
Griffith, Chas. C., driving team.....	389 25
Gilbert, E., shoes.....	47 95
Gage & Soule, dry goods.....	9 72
Guild, A. D., hay.....	41 40
Griffith, Emma C., sewing.....	22 75
Getchell, Wm. B., surveying.....	3 40
Gobiel, S., work.....	4 87
Gray, M. L., wood.....	100 00
Hartung, Henry, salary, etc.....	283 50
Harris, W. H., M. D.....	21 00
Haskell Bros., shoes.....	61 57
Haskell, Geo. D., groceries.....	34 64
Hawes, Geo. F., shoes.....	64 25
Herrick, G. P., repairing harnesses.....	14 45
Hersey, F. L., shoes.....	34 95
Hill, & Locke, groceries.....	36 75
Holt, Jas. P., nursing.....	15 00
Hamel, Chas., groceries.....	5 46
Hunt, Geo., grass seed.....	12 49
Huntley, F. P.,	
Salary.....	\$486 67
Paid for work at Alms House.....	259 56
" hay, etc.....	26 87
Hamlet, F. S., M. D..	773 10
Huntington Clothing Co.....	39 00
Harlow, J. W., trucking.....	6 00
Johnson, W., M. D.....	1 50
Jenkins, Chas., fish.....	243 15
Kempton, W. W., carriage hire.....	5 55
Kinsman, F. G. & Co., medicine.....	4 55
Knowlton, Chas., coffins, etc.....	69 05
Knowlton & Young, fish.....	191 00
Knight & Thomas, fire extinguisher.....	80 28
Kennebec Steamboat Co., ticket.....	27 00
King, George, nursing.....	2 25
Knowles, W. S., milk.....	94 00
	2 88

Libby, Mrs. C. A., hats, etc.....	11 00
Lyon, Chas. E., nursing and digging grave.....	18 00
Lee, H. H. & Co., groceries.....	158 48
Leighton, E. C., dry goods.....	21 85
Lemieux, John B., groceries.....	8 25
Lynch, Philip, nursing.....	30 00
Lyon, L. S., lumber.....	29 36
Latno, Jos. H., wood.....	137 50
LaFrance, A. J., M. D.....	2 00
Leigh, Thos. Jr., legal service.....	11 85
La Page, Anthony, boarding.....	12 50
Lynch, Thos. J., paid for ticket, etc.....	30 50
Maher, J. J., clothing.....	255 17
Malcolm & Dyer, hardware.....	13 16
Marson, E. E., repairing sleighs and carriages.....	31 90
Moody, W. G., team.....	4 50
Moore, D. F. & Co., groceries.....	8 75
Murphy, C. B., medicine.....	11 50
Maine Central R. R., tickets.....	73 85
McAleney, Jas. L., M. D.....	8 75
Morse, Henry T., paid for boarding, etc.....	9 68
Mixer & Johnson, medicine.....	3 20
Maine General Hospital, boarding.....	58 00
Marshall, Ben, work.....	8 25
Martin, R. J., M. D.....	50 00
Mason, A. B., milk.....	6 30
Moore, Fred, cows.....	170 00
Nason, Chas. H., clothing.....	21 07
Nichols, Albert A., mason work.....	187 54
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.....	10 53
Norcross, R. E., trucking.....	50
Percival, Wm. E., ashes.....	20 64
Partridge, F. R., medicine.....	14 00
Parrott, B. F. & Co., flour, etc.....	513 91
Pease, Henry F., driving team.....	13 50
Percival Bros., groceries.....	124 41
Pierce, J. Frank, stationery.....	1 00
Pinkham & Sherburne, shoes and clothing.....	26 15
Plummer, Jas. I., repairing harness.....	3 80
Purington Bros., coal.....	236 39
Pierce, A. J., dishes.....	3 32
Plummer & Morrill, casket.....	35 00
Packard, Walter C., dressing.....	4 50
Raines D. E. & J. V., nursing.....	20 00
Randall, G. M., M. D.....	45 50
Robertson, G. A.,	
Paid traveling expenses on account of paupers in	
other towns.....	47 09
Paid board.....	8 00

Paid ticket to Canada.....	9 25	
“ for cow.....	45 00	
“ “ horse.....	35 00	
“ “ postage.....	4 56	
Work at Alms House.....	91 90	240 80
Ruell, Paul, work.....	8 25	
Randall, H. R., paints, etc.....	16 55	
Stone, E. & Co., coal.....	141 30	
Safford, G. W., groceries.....	4 02	
Sewell, D. D., taking inventory.....	10 00	
Stevens & Ballard, shoes.....	14 35	
Soule, R. W., furniture.....	326 82	
Searles, Geo. W., groceries.....	6 40	
Smith & Sukeforth, M. D.'s.....	14 50	
Scribner, Geo. E., milk.....	12 93	
Swift & Turner, dishes.....	5 49	
Smiley, Jos. S., dry goods.....	9 96	
Tetrault, Arthur, medicine.....	12 17	
Tibbetts, C. O., hearse service.....	76 00	
Trouant & Bates, coffins.....	69 24	
Tuell, J. E., M. D.....	52 00	
Taber, Carey & Reid, hardware.....	5 96	
Town of China, support.....	33 95	
Readfield, support.....	14 35	
Richmond, house rent.....	46 33	
Randolph, support.....	8 15	
Dixfield, “.....	100 00	
Thomas, C. A., house rent.....	20 00	
Town of Sidney, support.....	175 73	
Oakland, “.....	69 87	
Winslow, “.....	51 00	
Vickery, Guy O., cleaning clock.....	1 25	
Woods, Mrs. C. A., rent.....	6 00	
Wagner, G. A., nursing.....	10 00	
Ward F. O., painting carriages.....	37 10	
Ward, R. K., nursing.....	5 50	
Williams, Chas., boarding.....	12 26	
Ward, A. D., hardware.....	122 93	
Wadleigh, G. W., groceries.....	6 00	
Whitney, J. H., horse-shoeing.....	9 97	
Welsh, Mrs. M. D., boarding.....	28 74	
Ward, Howard G., nursing.....	6 00	
Wellman, F. R., repairs Alms House.....	33 10	
Wade, J. N., wood.....	37 50	
Young, Jos. F., medicine.....	14 65	
Garant, Phillias, nursing.....	12 00	
Webster, C. S., ice.....	5 00	
Williams, Mrs. Chas., work.....	18 00	

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Because of certain articles published in one of our local papers relating to the management of the department since passing under my control and making statements utterly wanting in truthfulness, I shall be pardoned for calling attention to one of the items of expenditures in the following account. It will be seen that \$95.39 only have been expended for clothing, hats and caps since the department passed under my control. In one of the articles referred to it was stated that a committee had been appointed to solicit clothing for the Poor Department, and in another that the benevolent organizations of the city had furnished clothing for it. No such committee has been appointed. No benevolent organization has contributed clothing. Some benevolent citizens have, however, contributed second hand articles of clothing to the value of about thirty dollars. The sum stated above, therefore, is the cost of clothing actually purchased since April 1, 1897, and for that sum every actual need has been supplied.

The farm was found in good condition, but the farming tools and implements showed evident lack of proper care. The stock was not found such as was needed to meet the wants of the institution. After being examined by the committee appointed to investigate the condition of and decide upon the needs of the farm and house in certain particulars, it was decided that the interest of the city would be best served by selling off the stock belonging to the department and replacing it by something better suited to meet the wants of the house and farm. Accordingly, with the proceeds of the sale, seven first class cows were purchased, and have been found enough to meet all the needs.

The products of the farm during the year were about the same as last year, except in case of potatoes and apples.

I should be unwilling to close this report without paying due tribute to the faithfulness with which the City Solicitor, the City Physician and lady visitor have performed all their duties connected with the department. Our thanks are due also to Prof. Dennis for furnishing music for the exercises attending the opening of the new sitting and assembly room; to the clergymen of the city and their choirs for conducting in turn religious exercises, and to the many of our citizens who by their visits, their timely and valuable suggestions and other helpful acts have manifested their interest in every effort to improve the condition of these objects of the city's care, and have indicated thereby that our best people are in favor of making the city's poor as comfortable and happy in their unfor-

fortunate conditions as circumstances will permit: and while thus expressing gratitude for past favors, let me bespeak the continuance of them.

Let me especially invite every public spirited citizen to visit the institution, inspect its management, and make suggestions for its further improvement. All such will not only be heartily welcomed, but may rest assured that their visits will confer real pleasure upon the inmates and serve to brighten lives that need the cheer and brightness coming from the sympathy of the more fortunate of their fellow men.

In conclusion, gentlemen of the city government, accept my hearty thanks for the confidence which you manifested in me, the courtesy and the support which you have given me during the year.

I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

G. A. ROBERTSON.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT AT ALMS HOUSE.

Crops, etc., raised on City Farm for year ending Feb. 1, '98:

40 tons hay, 2½ tons oat fodder, 8 tons corn fodder, 88 bushels potatoes, 134 bushels oats, 4 tons straw, 20 bushels beets, 15 bushels tomatoes, 2 bushels carrots, 700 pounds squash, 1000 pounds cabbage, 10 bushels cucumbers, 6 bushels beans, 85 bushels corn, 91 pounds veal, 1784 pounds pork, 416 pounds butter. The number of inmates at the beginning of the year was 34; the number admitted during the year, 29; present number, 26.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT CITY FARM, MAR. 1, 1898.

1 Bible.....	3 75	24 wash stands.....	14 00
3 dining tables.....	15 00	3 sewing machines.....	30 00
2 paper racks.....	2 00	8 feather beds.....	16 00
23 rockers, new.....	44 25	1 centre table.....	6 00
3 old rockers.....	1 75	1 lounge.....	3 00
36 new dining chairs.....	27 00	1 couch.....	10 50
35 common chairs.....	10 50	1 hall table.....	4 00
1 camp chair.....	2 00	3 oil stoves.....	4 00
8 new stands.....	19 00	2 book racks.....	2 00
17 old stands.....	8 00	1 hat tree.....	8 50
17 cane seat chairs.....	8 00	1 clock.....	3 50
3 sick chairs.....	6 00	5 stoves.....	40 00
14 new iron bedsteads.....	94 50	1 churn.....	5 00
16 wooden bedsteads.....	13 00	1 creamer.....	25 00
6 bed springs.....	12 00	8 cooley cans.....	16 00

7 wash tubs, 3 new.....	3 50	4 oil cans	1 20
2 wash boards	50	1 ice chest.....	10 00
1 coal hod.....	20	3 ladles.....	30
2 wash boilers, 1 new.....	2 00	1 chopping bowl and knife..	60
6 flat irons.....	1 00	1 butter bowl.....	40
1 new bench wringer.....	5 00	2 rolling pins.....	20
3 new clothes baskets.	1 50	3 roll pans.....	90
2 ironing boards.....	1 00	2 sieves.....	25
16 brooms.....	3 00	1 sugar bucket.....	60
2 rubber blankets.....	1 00	4 flour scoops.....	80
13 floor pails.....	1 00	1 jug.....	40
14 mop handles.....	1 75	4 basins.....	30
3 new dust brushes.....	1 00	6 baker sheets.....	45
14 dust pans.....	1 40	1 baking pan.....	20
5 gross clothes pins.....	50	2 cake tins.....	10
4 new slop buckets.....	2 00	3 bread spoons.....	25
2 bed pans.....	2 00	2 bean pots.....	1 00
3 carpets.....	20 00	5 two-quart dippers.....	20
22 double windows.....	22 00	1 tea kettle.....	50
12 mirrors, small.....	1 80	1 copper tank.....	3 00
2 large mirrors.....	4 00	4 dish pans.....	1 20
3 doz. new tea spoons.....	65	1 meat cutter.....	1 25
5-6 doz. old tea spoons.....	10	48 pairs new blankets.....	39 45
15 table spoons.....	75	7 pairs old blankets.....	3 50
2 ¹ / ₃ doz. table knives.....	1 00	63 sheets.....	10 00
52 table forks.....	4 80	90 pillow slips.....	4 50
40 cups and 63 saucers.....	5 15	27 new comforters.....	32 75
47 dinner plates.....	4 00	17 old comforters.....	8 50
25 soup plates.....	2 00	24 new bed spreads.....	13 92
23 individual pie plates.....	1 25	3 old bed spreads.....	1 20
3 glass sugar bowls.....	70	40 new ticks.....	51 80
3 earthen sugar bowls.....	1 00	5 mattresses.....	5 00
3 glass spoon holders.....	45	41 pillows.....	15 00
3 glass syrup pitchers.....	75	4 bolsters.....	3 00
3 water pitchers.....	1 00	48 hand towels.....	2 40
9 nappies.....	2 25	16 roller towels.....	2 40
5 platters.....	1 25	55 new window shades.....	12 50
16 agate pint dippers.....	1 00	2 carpet sweepers.....	2 00
26 wash bowls and pitchers	13 00	1 clothes horse.....	1 00
6 hanging lamps.....	4 20	1 hat tree.....	8 25
11 lamps.....	2 50	4 coats... ..	4 00
25 chambers.....	7 50	6 pairs mittens.....	1 00
2 new coffee pots.....	2 00	1 doz. shirts.....	4 80
1 tea pot.....	30	Ladies wrappers and under-	
2 agate kettles.....	1 25	wear.	10 00
2 porcelain kettles.....	1 00	10 hats.....	7 00
2 skimmers.....	15	1 pair shoes.....	1 50
4 bread tins.....	40	6 pairs suspenders.....	75
18 milk pans.....	1 85	6 pairs hose.	90
3 milk pails.....	1 25	3 raisors, hone, brush and	
3 bread pans.....	1 50	straps	3 50
13 glass jars	1 25	2 lanterns.....	1 00
2 steamers.....	3 75	1 meat saw.....	2 00
12 earthen pie plates.....	1 00	2 cleavers.....	2 00
15 tin pie plates	60	1 wine press.....	3 00
6 stone jars	5 40	1 raison seeder.....	50
4 cuspidors.....	20	3 cake cutters.....	15
2 fire shovels	20	1 potato masher.....	25
300 feet clothes line	40	1 pie fork.....	10
50 feet hose.....	4 00	1 Dover egg beater.....	15
4 milk cans	1 20	1 meat fork and knife.....	75

2 bread knives.....	20	2 whiffle trees.....	1 00
7 cows.....	280 00	1 spreader.....	1 00
1 bull.....	23 00	2 lengthner chains.....	2 00
3 hogs.....	35 00	1 iron bar	20
6 shoats.....	37 50	2 pair scales.....	7 00
1 pair horses.....	200 00	1 sledge hammer.....	50
2 single harnesses	12 00	3 monkey wrenches	1 00
1 pair double harnesses....	15 00	1 carriage jack.....	75
2 street blankets.....	1 00	3 head halters.....	1 00
2 sleds.....	70 00	1 ice chisel.....	15
1 jigger wagon.....	60 00	1 cart wrench.....	25
1 dump cart.....	32 00	2 sprinklers.....	50
1 hay rack.....	20 00	1 pound paris green.....	25
1 pung.....	50 00	1 box axle grease.....	15
1 new wheel barrow.....	3 50	1 mowing machine no good	
1 sleigh.....	14 00	1 pair ice tongs.....	25
1 wheel barrow.....	2 00	2 potato diggers	25
2 fodder cutters	5 00	1 three-horse evener.....	1 00
1 scalding tub, new.....	1 00	2 axes.....	50
1 cider mill.....	15 00	20 hens.....	8 00
1 cultivator.....	3 00	30 cords dry, fitted wood..	180 00
1 road scraper.....	3 00	25 " green wood.....	137 50
1 iron sink.....	1 50	30 " 4 foot wood green..	120 00
1 democrat wagon.....	30 00	12 tons coal.....	76 20
1 spring tooth harrow.....	3 00	25 pounds raisins.....	1 25
1 smoothing harrow.....	10 00	10 " tapioca.....	40
1 hay tedder.....	12 00	20 bottles extracts.....	2 50
1 grind stone.....	75	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds ginger.....	39
1 horse rake.....	15 00	9 " pepper.....	99
1 set falls	3 00	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " cinnamon.....	80
4 dung forks.....	1 50	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " cloves.....	1 16
6 shovels.....	2 00	78 cakes ivory soap	5 46
2 hoes.....	50	26 packages soapine.....	2 08
2 picks.....	75	5 bottles blue.....	40
3 drills.....	75	12 pounds starch	36
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel measure.....	25	3 stove polish.....	15
3 pitch forks.....	60	3 $\frac{3}{8}$ gross matches	2 05
75 flour barrels.....	11 25	4 boxes mustard.....	50
1 horse fork.....	4 50	10 pounds dried apples.....	50
1 corn sheller.....	1 00	36 lamp chimneys.....	2 25
3 wood saws with frames	1 80	4 lantern globes.....	1 00
4 saw plates.....	1 60	10 pounds tobacco	3 50
2 curry combs, 3 bushes, 2		1 barrel crackers.....	1 85
cards.....	1 50	300 pounds sugar.....	13 80
1 rake.....	10	1 bbl. flour, Mich. Pat.....	4 95
1 hay knife.....	30	1 bbl. flour, Pil. Best.....	4 67
300 pounds shorts.....	2 10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbls. flour, St. Louis...	43 75
75 bushels oats.....	20 25	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels salt.....	60
22 tons hay	198 00	80 pounds rice.....	4 00
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons straw.....	11 25	50 " soda.....	2 38
25 bushels corn, on cob. . .	4 50	43 " tea.....	9 89
6 bags meal	3 90	2 bushels beans.....	2 20
2 bags cracked corn.....	1 30	7 " peas.....	7 70
2 ladders.....	3 00	26 pounds oat meal.....	65
3 plows.....	20 00	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " coffee.....	2 80
1 bush scythe and snath....	75	2 " cream of tartar. .	56
1 grass " " ".....	75	Paper bags.....	1 50
3 corn cutters	2 00	910 pounds pork.....	50 05
4 stake chains.....	1 00	150 lbs. shoulders, ham and	
3 draft ".....	4 00	pork rib..	12 00
3 chain yokes.....	2 00	30 lbs. sausage.....	2 40

200 lbs. lard, domestic.....	12 00	8 lbs. salt mackerel.....	48
48 bushels potatoes.....	38 40	40 lbs. corned beef.....	2 00
27 quarts preserves.....	6 75	1½ bushels rock salt.....	2 00
75 pounds butter.....	12 00	35 gallons vinegar.....	3 50
1½ barrel salted cucumbers	2 00	2 vinegar barrels.....	75
40 lbs. cod fish.....	1 80		
Total.....			\$2,962 29

REPORT OF LADY VISITOR TO THE ALMS HOUSE.

I have had no stated time for my visits to this institution, and however unexpected my visits may have been I have always been most cordially received by the Superintendent and Matron. We have taken pleasant counsel together.

In the close relation I have stood with the Overseer, Superintendent and Matron, I have fully realized that they have labored conscientiously and faithfully for the comfort of those under their care. Only a few weeks since I sat by the bedside of a dear old man who was then very near the close of the journey of life. He said, they have done all for me that my mother could have done for me since I have been sick. The sick in all cases have been kindly cared for—delicacies furnished when needed.

In my round of visitations it has been my custom to call on each one in his or her room for a personal call. The warm clasp of the hand, the lighting up of the face, has assured me a warm welcome. The rooms are neatly kept. The occupants often point with pride to the pictures which Mr. Robertson has placed on the walls, thus showing their appreciation of the beautiful gifts so generously contributed by many of our citizens.

As I have mingled with them, the thought has often come to me that Christ died for them and that one day they may be like Him, seeing Him as He is. I have rejoiced that it has been my privilege to offer them words of cheer, remembering that "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN HINCKLEY.

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

CITY OF AUGUSTA, FOR SUMMER 1897.

To Members of Board of Health:

I began work the 19th day of July, 1897, and worked until September 9, 1897. Whole number of days paid for by city, forty-one, at a rate of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day.

As near as I can estimate there were about eighty complaints looked after and corrected, nearly all the sewers were flushed and catch-basins cleaned out.

I found the Alms House in a terrible condition. The cellars had no drainage, and the water from the laundry and sink ran into them. They have two old earth vaults that are bad and should be done away with. All the rest has been put in sanitary condition. The old cement with about one foot of saturated dirt was taken out and new gravel and new cement bottom put in, the laundry and sinks connected with the sewer. They now have one of the best cellars in the city.

There should be a new bath-room put in for the family and a bath-tub and water-closet for the men.

March 27 I went over the house with Mr. Robertson, and found the place very much improved. Mr. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Huntley have done a great work since taking charge of the Poor Department.

E. R. BEAN, *Agent for Board of Health.*

WESTERN AVENUE SEWER.—Western Avenue sewer runs from Chestnut Street to gully below State Street. It is a stone drain, and after it leaves State Street it is in very bad repair. In some places the dirt has worked off leaving the sewer open and sewer gas escapes badly. The sewer ends in the gully back of Chestnut Street, about six hundred feet from the Wade's gully sewer, which

it should be connected with. It is one of the worst places in the city.

WINTHROP STREET SEWER.—The Winthrop Street sewer runs from Chestnut Street to the river. This sewer is in very good repair. The sewer ends about sixty feet from the water at low water and dumps the sewage in the flats about one hundred and fifty feet from Water Street. There are a few catch-basins that should be trapped.

WADE SEWER.—The Wade sewer runs from Sewall Street to river. There are a great many places on this sewer that have been uncovered and a few places broken in letting out the sewer gas in very bad shape. The worst places are between Sewall and State Streets. It should be repaired and covered up.

GANNETT STREET SEWER.—The Gannett Street sewer connects with Cony Street sewer. It is in poor repair, being nothing but a large cesspool. It has not pitch enough, and the sewage runs out into the ground through the open *joints*, which were badly made. The sewer gas in all the cellars along the line of the sewer is so bad that the occupants have to leave out their cellar windows. In winter it comes in under the ground.

CONY STREET SEWER.—The Cony Street sewer runs from Gannett Street to the river. This is not a first-class sewer, as it was not put down deep enough to drain cellars along the line, and the catch-basins should be trapped. The end of the sewer at the river is out of repair and should be looked after as soon as possible.

BRIDGE STREET SEWER.—This sewer runs from Chestnut Street to river. I found this sewer in very good repair except the end at the river, which has been broken by the ice, and the sewage is stopped back of the wall. I expect the place is in a very bad condition as there was a bad odor coming from there last summer.

GREEN STREET SEWER.—The Green Street sewer runs from Chestnut Street to river. This sewer is part stone drain and part tile sewer. It is a poorly constructed sewer and should be looked after. It ends about fifty feet from river below railroad track, letting sewage run on surface of ground.

JEFFERSON STREET SEWER.—The Jefferson Street sewer runs from Northern Avenue to the river. This sewer is in very good repair until it reaches below Washington Street, which is in very bad repair. It was laid too flat and it stops up with sand and overflows into the river above the dam, which perhaps is bad for the water supply of the city.

G. M. RANDALL, M. D., *Secretary Augusta Board of Health*:

Dear Sir: Your favor of March 31st received. In reply, will say that to give a careful estimate of the amount of money required to put all the sewers of the city in a first-class condition would be a long and laborious task which would be impossible to do by the time you wish the estimate.

It should be the first purpose of city sewerage to remove the unclean refuse of life rapidly, beyond the limit of danger; the second, to prevent it from doing harm during its passage, and the third, to regulate its final disposal.

The channel through which the removal is effected — the sewer — whether large or small, must conform to certain conditions or it had better never have been built.

1st. It must be perfectly tight from one end to the other, so that all matter entering it shall securely be carried to its outlet, not a particle of impurity leaking through into the soil.

2nd. It must have a continuous fall from the head to the outlet in order that its contents may keep moving, there being no halting to putrefy by the way, and no depositing of silt that would endanger the channel.

3rd. It must be provided with means for inspection and, when necessary, for flushing.

4th. Its size and form must be so adjusted to its work, or to its flushing appliances, that the usual dry weather flow may be made to keep it free from silt or organic deposit.

A sewer that is deficient in any one of these particulars is an unsafe neighbor to any inhabited house.

The charge and care of the sewers does not come under the direction of my department only so far as the construction of new sewers is concerned. During the past two years two new sewers have been built by the direction of the Committee, one of about 1000 feet, the other of about 800 feet in length. These sewers have been so constructed that in an hour's time at each sewer every foot of the interior can be inspected, and the care taken in laying to a line and grade and to make smooth joints, makes it possible to flush from the flush-basins and make the sewers as clean and sanitary as the day they were laid. I make reference to the above to make a comparison to the miles of sewers constructed with no means of inspection only by digging them up, and then for a short distance

only. Many of these sewers are built in the form of a long stone culvert with the rough stones projecting to hold and retard the progress of the sewage, making it impossible to properly flush the sewers, provided you could get in a proper place to flush them. The surface water from the streets runs directly into these without passing through a trap, allowing a deadly sewer gas to escape. These sewers are located in some of the older portions of the city. Sewage in some parts of the city runs open on the ground in close proximity to dwelling houses. Several sewers fail to reach quite to the river, depositing sewage on the banks. Some sections of the city have no sewer privileges whatever, although a large portion of the lots are built upon. I mention the above facts that have come under my observation.

My recommendations would be to put in good condition the sewers already built, then build such new sewers as are required. An appropriation of \$5,000 to \$6,000 could be used to the great sanitary advantage of the city the coming season in putting present sewers in condition and sewerage other portions of the city where there are no sewers at present.

I heartily endorse the work of the Board of Health the past season and would suggest that the same work be commenced again immediately.

Yours very respectfully.

W. B. GETCHELL.

OFFICE OF
CITY AUDITOR,

Augusta, Maine, March 21, 1898.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Augusta :

GENTLEMEN : In compliance with Sec. 30 of Chapter IV of the City Ordinance I have the honor to lay before you the reports of the following City officers :

The Board of Assessors,
The City Treasurer,
Collector of Taxes for the years 1895, 1896 and 1897,
The Engineer appointed to inspect the Kennebec bridge,
The City Engineer,
The Trustees of Lithgow Library.

The following officers, whose reports should have been submitted March 1, 1898, have not reported to the knowledge of the Auditor :

Board of Health and Health Officer,
City Marshal,
City Physician,
City Solicitor,
Chief Engineer of Fire Department,
Committee on Cony High School,
Overseer of the Poor,
Street Commissioners of the Eastern and Western Districts.
Superintendent of burying grounds,
Superintending School Committee.

I request a further time of ten days in which to complete my report.

Very respectfully.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *City Auditor.*

March 31, 1898.

By authority of an order of the City Council of March 21, and with the approval of the Committee on Printing, the following report is submitted.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *City Auditor.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

*For the Municipal year beginning March 1, 1897, and ending
February, 28, 1898.*

VALUATION.

Real estate, resident.....	\$3,557,790 00	
non-resident.....	986,034 00	
	<u> </u>	\$4,543,824 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$1,506,726 00	
non-resident.....	224,686 77	
	<u> </u>	1,731,412 77
Total valuation by city assessors.		<u> </u> \$6,275,236 77
Number of polls assessed, 2876.		
Poll tax \$3.00. Total poll tax	\$8,628 00	
Rate of taxation, \$20.60 on \$1,000.		
City valuation by Board of State As-		
sessors for 1898.....		\$8,185,089 00
State tax for 1897.....		22,537 23
1898 (same as for 1897) ..		
County tax:		
Assessed on State valuation for 1897,		\$9,208 23
Assessment for 1897:		
State tax.....	\$22,537 23	
County tax	9,208 23	
	<u> </u>	\$31,745 46
Assessed by Order of City Council.	105,389 94	
Fractional overlay.....	764 71	
	<u> </u>	106,154 65
Supplementary taxes.....		338 86
		<u> </u>
		\$138,238 97
Village District taxes.....	\$6,101 16	
Williams District taxes.....	4,406 09	
	<u> </u>	10,507 25
Total assessment.....		<u> </u> \$148,746 22

TABLE A—RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES—MARCH 1, 1898.

Resources :

Cash in treasury.	\$756 92	
Sewer assessments uncollected.....	1,930 50	
Due from cities and towns.....	377 56	
State of Maine	729 43	
Augusta, H. and G. R. R. Co..	175 75	
Uncollected taxes, city, village and Wil-		
liams District of 1885.....	657 31	
1886	1,102 77	
1887.....	2,074 69	
1888	4,263 01	
1889	5,239 30	
1890.....	3,327 86	
1891.....	3,560 43	
1892	5,015 45	
1893.....	531 03	
1896.....	5,110 91	
1897.....	24,030 28	
Non-resident tax deeds	2,346 75	
Resident tax deeds.....	2,511 19	
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	\$63,741 14	
Balance against the city.....	309,135 51	
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		\$372,876 65
Balance against the city.....	\$309,135 51	
Less trust funds.....	33,750 00	
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Net balance.....	\$275,385 51	

Liabilities :

Allowed claims, Mayor's warrants out-		
standing.....	82,862 00	
City bonds	305,500 00	
Coupons outstanding.....	3,769 00	
Common schools.....	579 53	
Cony High School.....	1,550 00	
City officers.....	125 00	
Temporary loans.....	18,000 00	
Text books account.....	281 80	
Village District.....	4,319 02	
Williams District.....	2,135 30	
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City debt.....	\$339,126 65	
Trust funds.....	33,750 00	
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		\$372,876 65

TABLE B—COMPARISON OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES MARCH 1, 1897 WITH MARCH 1, 1898.

Resources :

	1897.	1898.
Cash in treasury.....	\$662 36	\$756 92
Sewer assessments.....	2,180 50	1,930 50
Due from cities and towns.....	22 50	377 56
“ State of Maine.....	465 00	729 43
Taxes of 1885 acct. with C. N. Hamlin.....	657 31	657 31
1886 “ “ “.....	1,102 77	1,102 77
1887 “ “ “.....	2,074 69	2,074 69
1888 “ “ “.....	4,263 01	4,263 01
1889 “ “ “.....	5,239 30	5,239 30
1890 “ “ “.....	3,327 86	3,327 86
1891 “ “ “.....	3,560 43	3,560 43
1892 “ “ “.....	5,109 91	5,015 45
1893 “ J. E. Fuller... ..	1,069 05	531 03
1895 “ J. R. Townsend.....	1,453 52	
1896 “ “.....	23,332 53	5,110 91
1897 “ “.....		24,030 28
Non-resident tax deeds.....	2,284 57	2,346 75
Resident tax deeds.....	2,431 92	2,511 19
Augusta, Hallowell & Gardiner R. R. Co.....		175 75
	59,237 23	63,741 14
Net balance against the city	279,597 91	275,385 51
Trust Funds.....	32,650 00	33,750 00
	\$371,485 14	\$372,876 65

Liabilities :

Allowed claims, warrants outstanding.....	\$2,229 64	\$2,862 00
City bonds.....	313,000 00	305,500 00
Coupons outstanding.....	3,638 00	3,769 00
Common schools.....	976 29	579 53
Cony High School.....	1,897 45	1,555 00
City officer.....		125 00
Temporary loans.....	8,450 39	18,000 00
Text books.....	126 80	231 80
Village District.....	7,225 58	4,319 02
Williams District.....	1,290 99	2,135 30
	338,835 14	339,126 65
Trust funds.....	32,650 00	33,750 00
	\$371,485 14	\$372,876 65

*Gain from March 1, 1897.....	\$4,212 40
Gain less trust funds.....	1,100 00
Net gain city expense account.....	\$3,112 40

TABLE C—INTEREST BEARING DEBT.

6% Bonds of 1875.....	\$52,500 00	
4% " " 1887.....	173,000 00	
5% " " 1890.....	9,000 00	
4% " " 1890.....	6,000 00	
4% " " 1894.....	65,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$305,500 00
Trust Funds:		
Isaac Sanford fund 6%.....	\$1,500 00	
Lithgow Library:		
Original bequest 5%.....	\$20,000 00	
Robinson " 5%.....	1,000 00	
J. H. Williams bequest 5%.....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	22,000 00
Saint Mark's Home 5%.....	10,000 00	
Cemetery trust funds:		
For care of cemetery lots:		
R. C. Irish fund.....	\$150 00	
Susan R. Crockett fund.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	250 00
	<hr/>	\$33,750 00

TABLE D—ACCOUNT OF TAXES.

Uncollected Taxes March 1, 1897:

	CITY TAX.	VILLAGE DIST.	WILLIAMS DIST.	TOTAL.
Of 1885.....	657 31			657 31
1886.....	968 57	134 20		1,102 77
1887.....	1,845 70	228 99		2,074 69
1888.....	4,041 90	221 11		4,263 01
1889.....	4,474 84	523 16	241 30	5,239 30
1890.....	2,779 66	377 12	171 08	3,327 86
1891.....	2,919 98	558 01	82 44	3,560 43
1892.....	4,127 01	821 06	161 84	5,109 91
	<u>21,814 97</u>	<u>2,863 65</u>	<u>656 66</u>	<u>25,335 28</u>
1893.....	834 39	123 39	111 27	1,069 05
1895.....	1,213 41	147 27	92 84	1,453 52
1896.....	21,176 40	1,076 70	1,070 43	23,323 53
	<u>45,039 17</u>	<u>4,211 01</u>	<u>1 940 20</u>	<u>51,190 38</u>
1897, assessed.....	138,238 97	6,101 16	4,406 09	148,746 22
	<u>183,278 14</u>	<u>10,312 17</u>	<u>6,346 29</u>	<u>199,936 60</u>

Taxes collected March 1, 1897 to March 1, 1898:

Of 1892, Cash.....	87 38	7 08		94 46
1893, "	116 57	15 66	4 50	136 73
1895, "	635 83	55 49	30 52	721 84
1896, "	14,687 88	617 64	490 39	15,795 91
1897, "	112,336 47	4,855 01	3,325 61	120,567 09
Discounts of 1895.....	181 27	25 22	52 26	258 75
1897.....	3,199 62	122 49		3,322 11
Abatements, 1893.....	339 50	40 29	12 50	401 29
1895.....	396 31	66 56	10 06	472 93
1896.....	1,871 42	346 07	54 21	2,271 70
1897.....	737 20	63 50	26 04	826 74
Tax deeds, 1896.....	149 81	3 97	23	154 01
	<u>134,789 26</u>	<u>6,227 98</u>	<u>4,006 32</u>	<u>145,023 56</u>
*Balance uncollected....	48,488 88	4,084 19	2,339 97	54,913 04
	<u>183,278 14</u>	<u>10,312 17</u>	<u>6,346 29</u>	<u>199,936 60</u>

* For details see page 71.

Balance uncollected taxes, March 1, 1898 :—(Table D, page 70.)

Of 1885.....	657 31			657 31
1886.....	968 57	134 20		1,102 77
1887.....	1,845 70	223 99		2,074 69
1888.....	4,041 90	221 11		4,263 01
1889.....	4,474 84	523 16	241 30	5,239 30
1890.....	2,779 66	377 12	171 08	3,327 86
1891.....	2,919 98	558 01	82 44	3,560 43
1892.....	4,039 63	813 98	161 84	5,015 45
	<hr/> 21,727 59	<hr/> 2,856 57	<hr/> 656 66	<hr/> 25,240 82
1893.....	378 32	58 44	94 27	531 03
	<hr/> 22,105 91	<hr/> 2,915 01	<hr/> 750 93	<hr/> 25,771 85
1896.....	4,467 29	109 02	534 60	5,110 91
1897.....	21,915 68	1,060 16	1,054 44	24,030 28
	<hr/> 48,488 88	<hr/> 4,084 19	<hr/> 2,339 97	<hr/> 54,913 04

TABLE E--ACCOUNT OF TAX DEEDS.

Tax deeds March 1, 1897 :

Non-resident.....	2,259 10	22 87	2 60	2,284 57
Resident.....	2,368 36	32 89	30 67	2,431 92
	<hr/> 4,627 46	<hr/> 55 76	<hr/> 33 27	<hr/> 4,716 49

Tax sales of December, 1897 :

Non-resident.....	17 47	57	23	18 27
Resident....	132 34	3 40		135 74

Taxes added to deeds :

Non-resident.....	43 78	13		43 91
Resident.....	228 31	5 10	10 50	243 91
	<hr/> 5,049 36	<hr/> 64 96	<hr/> 44 00	<hr/> 5,158 32

Resident tax deeds re-

deemed.....	251 96	5 05	4 20	261 21
Abated and cancelled...	38 13	1 04		39 17
Balance Non-resident...	2,320 35	23 57	2 83	2,346 75
Resident	2,438 92	35 30	36 97	2,511 19
	<hr/> 85,049 36	<hr/> 864 96	<hr/> 844 00	<hr/> 85,158 32

TABLE F—CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash receipts and disbursements as shown by the monthly footings of the Auditor's account:

		RECEIPTS.	DISBURSE- MENTS.
March,	1897,.....	14,159 49	12,055 56
April,	"	9,253 96	10,160 61
May,	"	11,342 20	9,511 13
June,	"	15,807 21	13,666 72
July,	"	16,596 84	23,749 33
August,	"	71,571 29	53,840 49
September,	"	28,157 33	17,346 06
October,	"	11,684 51	12,908 56
November,	"	3,969 02	15,296 21
December,	"	7,127 17	17,208 33
January,	1898,.....	10,565 83	14,570 10
February,	"	26,933 61	26,760 80
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		227,168 46	227,073 90
Balance March 1, 1897.....		662 36	
March 1, 1898.....			756 92
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		227,830 82	227,830 82

TABLE G—ALLOWED CLAIMS—MAYOR'S WARRANTS.

Statement of Mayor's Warrants for Allowed Claims, drawn and paid, as shown by the monthly footings of the Auditor's accounts:

		WARRANTS DRAWN.	WARRANTS PAID.
March,	1897,.....	14,310 22	12,055 56
April,	"	8,551 70	10,160 61
May,	"	9,922 14	9,511 13
June,	"	15,623 98	13,666 72
July,	"	24,533 48	23,749 33
August,	"	52,938 60	53,840 49
September,	"	17,168 49	17,346 06
October,	"	10,706 39	12,908 56
November,	"	15,108 13	15,296 21
December,	"	19,139 26	17,208 33
January,	1898,.....	12,587 92	14,570 10
February,	"	27,115 86	26,760 80
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		227,706 26	227,073 90
Warrants outstanding March 1, 1897.....		2,229 64	
March 1, 1898.....			2,862 00
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		229,935 90	229,935 90

TABLE H—TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Raised by taxation and appropriated as follows :

City Expense account.

Abatements.....		750 00
Cemeteries.....		200 00
City Rooms and Buildings.....		3,000 00
Contingent		2,000 00
Discounts		3,000 00
Fire Department		3,500 00
Highways, Eastern District.....	3,500 00	
Special Eastern District.....	1,000 00	
Snow bills, Eastern District.....	1,500 00	
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		6,000 00
Highways, Western District.....	5,000 00	
Special Western District	2,000 00	
Sweeping Water Street.....	500 00	
Snow bills, Western District.....	1,500 00	
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		9,000 00
Bond brook bridge and town landing.....		3,500 00
Hydrants and water.....		2,403 34
Interest coupons of city bonds.		13,525 00
Interest on trust funds :		
Lithgow Library.....	1,100 00	
Saint Mark's Home.....	500 00	
Sanford Legacy.....	90 00	
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		1,690 00
Kennebec bridge.....		700 00
Lighting streets		6,700 00
Lithgow Library.....		1,000 00
Memorial Day		200 00
New streets.....		100 00
Park.. ..		250 00
Police.....		4,550 00
Printing and advertising.....		1,200 00
Salaries.....		11,000 00
School buildings		200 00
Sewers		1,500 00
Stationery and blank books		600 00
Support of insane.....		2,000 00
Support of poor	6,500 00	
City farm buildings.....	1,000 00	
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		7,500 00
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		86,068 34
Unappropriated :		
Fractional overlay.....	764 71	
Supplementary taxes.....	338 86	
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		1,103 57
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Total for Expense account		87,171 91

Total from Expense Account brought forward.....		87,171 91
Appropriated for reduction of city debt—payment of maturing bonds.....		5,000 00
Other appropriations:		
County tax	9,208 23	
State tax.	22,537 23	
Schools, required by law.....	8,421 60	
Cony High School.....	5,700 00	
Text books.....	200 00	46,067 06
Total city assessment ..		138,238 97
Village District taxes	6,101 16	
Williams " "	4,406 09	10,507 25
Total assessment.....		148,746 22

Cash Receipts.

Detailed statement as required by Section 30 of Chapter IV of the City Ordinance.

City Expense account.

Cemeteries:

For sale of lots, Mt. Pleasant cemetery.....	255 00	
" " Riverside cemetery.....	50 00	305 00

City Rooms and Buildings:

For use of City Hall for various purposes.....		1,005 38
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Highways, Western District:

Reverted warrant.....		28 12
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Interest:

On bank deposits.....	54 90	
resident tax deeds	19 08	
taxes of 1892.....	23 61	
1893.....	10 44	
1895.....	33 41	
1896.....	566 56	
1897.....	16 72	724 72

Miscellaneous:

Costs on resident tax deeds redeemed.....	10 30	
Dog licenses, rebates from the State.....	375 44	
Carriage licenses.....	150 00	
Circus "	75 00	
Itinerant venders — auctioneer's license	17 66	
Night lunch license.....	25 00	267 66
Augusta, Hallowell & Gardiner R. R. Co.....	16 00	
Mrs. E. Uptigrove, concrete, 1896.....	25 00	

Street scrapings, 1896:

L. P. Hamlen.....	10 00	
R. W. Carleton	5 80	
		15 80

State railroad and telegraph tax.....	5,450 51	6,160 71
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Forward 8,223 93

<i>Brought forward</i>			8 223 93
Police:			
For replacing glass broken.....			2 00
Printing and advertising:			
Costs on taxes advertised.....			27 00
Salaries, County of Kennebec:			
Fees of A. G. Andrews.....	400 50		
H. T. Morse	247 18		
Chas. E. Grover.....	9 89		
			657 57
Sewers:			
Entrance fee of F. W. Cole.....			15 00
Support of insane:			
Reverted warrant.....			2 00
Support of poor:			
Spearin, Danforth and Staples..	5 30		
Henry Hartung, city farm.....	22 89		
		28 19	
G. A. Robertson:			
April, sales of stock, city farm,	84 50		
May, sales of produce.....	1 00		
board.....	2 00		
sales of stock.....	200 00		
Nov., labor city farm team....	279 00		
Dec., sale of pig.....	8 20		
Feb., 1898, W. H. Shaw, re-			
funded	1 29		
Feb., 1898, sale of milk	5 80		
labor city farm team	16 00	597 79	625 98
Sundry accounts.—Cities and Towns.			
For support of poor:			
City of Lewiston	4 00		
Town of Pittsfield.....	13 29		
		17 29	
City of Biddeford.....	111 98		
" Hallowell.....	52 93		
Town of Parkman.....	16 25		
Oakland.....	30 85		
Whitefield.....	40 05		
Skowhegan.....	18 00		
City of Brewer.....	21 90		
Town of West Gardiner.....	2 00		
Albion	23 25		
Washington	54 00		
Belgrade	2 00		
Cumberland.....	1 85		
Oakland.....	81 58		
Pittsfield.....	8 29		
South Thomaston....	15 94		
City of Old Town.....	12 50	493 37	510 66
<i>Forward</i>			10,064 14

<i>Brought forward</i>		10,064 14
Cony High School :		
For books.....	5 50	
State of Maine.....	250 00	
	<hr/>	255 50
Dog licenses :		
City Clerk licenses on dogs.....		357 00
Lithgow Library :		
State of Maine, 10 per cent. of amount raised by city.....		100 00
State of Maine :		
Damages to sheep by dogs refunded.....	25 00	
State pensions refunded.....	2,010 00	
State school fund, mill tax.....	7,263 43	
	<hr/>	9,298 43
Sewer assessment :		
Cedar Street sewer :		
R. J. Noyes.....	20 00	
Eastern Avenue sewer :		
Estate Geo. S. Ballard.....	25 00	
Gage Street sewer :		
W. S. Wills.....	15 00	
C. A. Church.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	30 00
Jefferson Street sewer :		
Z. Furbush.....	10 00	
Fred Furbush	5 00	
	<hr/>	15 00
Kendall Street sewer :		
Hiram Stone	15 00	
A. B. Cross.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	30 00
Oak Street sewer :		
Mrs. G. L. Carpenter.....	20 00	
H. S. Blaisdell.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	40 00
Patterson Street sewer :		
Heirs of Joseph Howard.....	75 00	
Wade sewer :		
Mary A. Turner.....	15 00	
	<hr/>	250 00

NOTE.—See account of \$165.00 additional paid by Thomas Leigh, Jr., on another page, under title "City Ordinances."

Temporary loans :

March, 1897, sundry notes.....	12,000 00	
April, " " ".....	7,000 00	
May, " " ".....	8,000 00	
June, " " ".....	11,000 00	
July, " " ".....	4,000 00	
Jan'y, 1898, " ".....	8,000 00	
Feb'y, " " ".....	10,000 00	
	<hr/>	60,000 00
<i>Forward</i>		80,325 07

<i>Brought forward</i>		80,325 07
Text books:		
Interest on Sanford legacy		90 00
Trust funds:		
Lithgow Library:		
J. H. Williams' bequest	1,000 00	
Cemetery fund:		
Susan R. Crockett.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,100 00
Tax deeds:		
Resident tax deeds redeemed:		
Annie Anderson.....	3 09	
Octavie Bennett.....	5 12	
Albert E. Brewer.	5 40	
Hiram Clark.....	56 49	
Jos. E. Clark.....	56 49	
David Cloutier.....	13 14	
Noah D. Cooper.....	20 00	
Parthena Fletcher	2 24	
J. H. Grant.....	28 50	
Kate Nutting.....	9 27	
H. F. Rockwood	21 60	
James Woodward.....	29 87	
Alonzo B. Trask	10 00	
	<hr/>	261 21
Takes of 1892.....	94 46	
1893.....	136 73	
1895.....	721 84	
1896.....	15,795 91	
1897.	120,567 09	
	<hr/>	137,316 03
Village District:		
Of Directors' building fund		8,000 00
Williams District:		
Rent of old school house	38 50	
Middle Street school house for ward		
room.....	21 00	
Tuition.....	16 65	76 15
	<hr/>	227,168 46
Summary of receipts:		
City expense account.....	9,553 48	
Account of schools and school purposes.....	15,685 08	
Dog licenses paid to the State.....	357 00	
Cities and towns pauper bills refunded.....	510 66	
Lithgow Library paid by the State.....	100 00	
State of Maine, certain payments refunded.....	2,035 00	
Sewer assessments.....	250 00	
Temporary loans.....	60,000 00	
Trust funds.....	1,100 00	
Taxes and tax deeds.....	137,577 24	
	<hr/>	227,168 46
Cash in treasury March 1, 1897		662 36
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		227,830 82

Cash Disbursements.

Cash disbursements.....	227,073 90	
Balance cash in treasury March 1, 1898.....	756 92	227,830.82
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Cash Disbursements, by department accounts:		
Cemeteries.....	203 00	
City Rooms and Buildings.....	4,478 19	
Common Schools.....	5,368 06	
Contingent.....	2,247 63	
Cony High School.....	6,297 95	
County Tax.....	9,208 23	
Coupons.....	13,394 00	
City Bonds—reduction of debt.....	7,500 00	
Dog Licenses.....	395 00	
Fire Department.....	3 126 03	
Highways Eastern Dist.....	3,541 52	
“ Western “.....	7,198 86	
“ Special Eastern Dist.....	1,153 33	
“ “ Western “.....	6,566 12	
Hydrants and water.....	2,420 21	
Interest, (temporary loans).....	687 08	
Kennebec Bridge.....	453 32	
Lighting streets.....	6,647 44	
Lithgow Library.....	2,160 00	
Memorial Day.....	200 00	
New Streets.....	6 80	
Park.....	258 25	
Police.....	5,070 56	
Printing and Advertising.....	1,466 58	
Saint Mark's Home.....	500 00	
Salaries.....	11,591 10	
Sanford Legacy.....	90 00	
Sewers.....	2,211 41	
Snow Bills Eastern Dist.....	990 59	
“ “ Western “.....	1,676 97	
State Pensions.....	2,010 00	
“ Tax.....	22,537 23	
Stationery and Blank Books.....	721 20	
Support of Insane, Industrial & Reform Schools	2,795 90	
Support of Poor.....	10,073 20	
Sweeping Water Street.....	416 00	
Temporary loans.....	50,450 39	
Text Books.....	142 75	
Tax deeds.....	287 82	
Village District.....	24,717 59	
Williams “.....	5,813 59	
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	227,073 90	
Balance cash in treasury, March 1, 1898.....	756 92	\$227,830 82
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TABLE I—APPROPRIATIONS AND BALANCES CITY EXPENSE ACCOUNT.
*Amount of Charges and Credits of the several Ledger Accounts with
the Balances for the Year ending Feb. 28, 1898.*

	DR.	CR.	Balance overdrawn unexpended	
			DR.	CR.
Abatements.....	737.20	750.00		12.80
Cemeteries	200.00	505.00		305 00
City rooms and buildings...	4,501.17	4,005.38	495.79	
Contingent.....	2,302.23	2,000.00	302.23	
Discounts.....	3,199.62	3,000.00	199.62	
Fire Department.....	3,110.17	3,500.00		389.83
Fractional Overlay.....		764.71		764.71
Highways Eastern District..	3,565.60	3,500.00	65.60	
“ Special East. Dist	1,162.46	1,000.00	162.46	
“ Western District...	7,129.68	5,028.12	2,101.56	
“ Special West. Dist.	6,735.98	5,500.00	1,235.98	
“ Sweeping Water St.	416.00	500.00		84.00
Hydrants and Water	2,420.21	2,403.34	16.87	
Interest coupons.....	13,525.00	13,525.00		
“ on temporary loans..	687.08	724.72		37.64
“ “ Trust Funds.....	1,650.00	1,690.00		40.00
Kennebec Bridge.....	454.82	700.00		245.18
Lighting Streets	6,647.44	6,700.00		52.56
Lithgow Library.....	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00		
Miscellaneous		6,160.71		6,160.71
New Streets.....	6.80	100.00		93.20
Park	255.25	250.00	5.25	
Police	5,403.56	4,552.00	851.56	
Printing and advertising....	1,508.83	1,227.00	281.83	
Salaries.....	11,691.60	11,657.57	34.03	
Sewers	2,184.66	1,515.00	669.66	
Snow bills Eastern Dist....	1,002.13	1,500.00		497.87
“ Western “	1,646.89	1,675.75		28.86
Stationery and Blank Books.	683.30	600.00	83.30	
Supplementary taxes.. ..		338 86		338.86
Support of Insane.....	2,699.40	2,002.00	697.40	
Support of poor.....	10,352.14	8,244.13 }	1,108.01	
City Farm Buildings....		1,000.00 }		
School Buildings.....		200.00		200.00
	97,079.22	98,019.29	8,311.15	9,251.22
Reduction of debt.....		5,000.00		5,000.00
Loss and gain.....	2,827.67		2,827.67	
City of Augusta (Table J.)...	99,906.89	103,019.29	11,138.82	14,251.22
Balance, net gain.....	3,112.40		3,112.40	
	103,019.29	103,019.29	14,251.22	14,251.22

TABLE J.--STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING
FEBRUARY 28, 1898.

	DR.	CR.	DR. Balance	CR. Balance
City of Augusta.....	99,906.89	103,019.29	275,385.51	
Trust funds {			33,750.00	
			<u>309,135.51</u>	
City Trust funds		1,100.00		33,750.00
Allowed claims.....	227,073.90	227,706.26		2,862.00
Augusta, H. & G. R. R. Co.	175.75	.	175.75	
Cash	227,168.46	227,073.90	756.92	
Cities and Towns.....	865.72	510.66	377.56	
City Officers.....		125.00		125.00
City Bonds.....	7,500.00			305,500.00
Common Schools.....	5,368.06	4,971.30		579.53
Cony High School.....	6,297.95	5,955.50		1,555.00
County tax.....	9,208.23	9,208.23		
Coupons of City Bonds....	13,394.00	13,525.00		3,760.00
Dog licenses.....	394.00	394.00		
Non-resident tax deeds....	62.18		2,346.75	
Resident tax deeds.....	379.65	300.38	2,511.19	
Lithgow Library.....	2,160.00	2,160.00		
Saint Mark's Home....	500.00	500.00		
Sanford Legacy.....	90.00	90.00		
Schools.....	15,685.03	15,685.03		
Sewer assessments.....	15.00	265.00	1,930.50	
State of Maine.....	9,562.86	9,298.43	729.43	
State Pensions.....	2,010.00	2,010.00		
State tax.....	22,537.23	22,537.23		
Temporary Loans.....	50,450.39	60,000.00		18,000.00
Text Books.....	135.00	290.00		281.80
Village School District....	25,390.72	22,484.16		4,319.02
Williams " "	5,968.66	6,812.97		2,135.30
Taxes of 1885.....			657.31	
1886.....			1,102.77	
1887.....			2,074.69	
1888.....			4,263.01	
1889.....			5,239.30	
1890.....			3,327.86	
1891.....			3,560.43	
1892.....		94.46	5,015.45	
1893.....		538.02	531.03	
1895.....		1,453.52		
1896.....		18,221.62	5,110.91	
1897.....	148,746.22	124,715.94	24,030.28	
	<u>881,045.90</u>	<u>881,045.90</u>	<u>372,876.65</u>	<u>372,876.65</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Abatements.

Taxes of 1897.....	737 20
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Cemeteries.

Care of the R. C. Irish lot.....	6 00	
Insurance of hearse.....	3 00	
Labor, Brackett cemetery.....	19 50	
Mt. Pleasant and Riverside cemeteries..	165 50	
Read cemetery.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	200 00

City Rooms and Buildings.

Rent:

Cushman Tribe and Men, rent of Armory, Hunt's Block, July 1, 1896, to April 1, 1897.....	50 00	
Augusta City Building Co., rent City Building, July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1897.....	2,200 00	
John Martin, rent of land occupied by stone crusher, June 1, 1896, to June 1, 1897.....	20 00	
Harriet P. Webster, rent of land occupied by Pine Tree hose house, one year to July 1, 1897,	12 00	
Georgia Davis Staples, rent of Concert Hall for ward room, Ward Two elections of September and November, 1896, and March and June, 1897.....	20 00	
Williams School District, rent of Middle Street school house for ward room, Ward Five elections of March, May (ward lines), and June, 1897.....	21 00	
Mary A. Brooks, rent of land occupied by shed connected with Cushman hose house, Bridge Street, one year, ending July 1, 1897.....	5 00	
Lendall Titcomb, rent of building on Arsenal Street for Hook & Ladder Co., 13 months to January 1, 1898.....	39 00	
	<hr/>	2,367 00

Lights:

Electric lights in City Building, February 1, 1897 to February 1, 1898.....	525 97
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Fuel:

Coal for City Building.....	695 20	
Wood " ".....	88 30	
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<i>Forward</i>	3,676 47
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Brought forward..... 3,676 47

Insurance:

Atlantic hose house, January 1, 1896, to January 1, 1897.....	9 45	
Capitol hose house, to February, 1898.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	12 45

Janitor service:

H. T. Morse, bills paid prior to February 1897..	44 91	
W. H. Rackliff, February, 1897.....	36 00	
H. G. Ward, " "	9 75	
Frank P. Giddings	1 25	
H. T. Morse, paid for cleaning hall.....	11 06	
William H. Rackliff, March, 1897	37 50	
James A. Jones, extra labor, April and May, 1897,	21 75	
W. H. Rackliff, labor, April, 1897.....	1 75	
J. A. Jones, extra labor, July, 1897.....	5 50	
W. H. Rackliff, moving seats, October, 1897....	50	
H. H. Thorndike, labor, December, 1897.....	5 20	
Howard Ward, " " "	4 50	
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[NOTE.—Janitor elected at salary of \$500, from April 1, 1897. See *Salaries*.]

Furniture:

Curtains for office Municipal Judge.....	5 00	
Electric desk lamp, Auditor's office	3 50	
5 No. 5 Coper fire extinguishers.....	67 50	
Curtains, Trouant & Bates.....	38 87	
Awning, Auditor's office.....	4 00	
Desk, Municipal Court room.....	15 00	
Steps, for Auditor's office.....	1 00	
Desk and table for Assessors	37 00	
3 office chairs " "	15 00	
3 cushions " "	1 20	
Table " "	65	
Desk for Overseer of Poor.....	27 00	
Office chair.....	5 00	
Use of furniture, City Hall, March 23, 1897.....	2 50	
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Repairs:

Frank I. Clark, February, 1897.....	1 45	
J. E. Howard, mason work.....	19 26	
R. S. Bradbury, lumber and labor, Board of Registration	4 44	
Will C. Miller, December 9, 1896.....	1 30	
Bronze and labor on radiators, February, 1897..	25 31	
Joseph Larrabee, December, 1896, repair plumbing .	1 95	
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<i>Forward</i>	53 71	4,091 81
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<i>Brought forward</i>	53 71	4,091 81
Kennebec Light & Heat Co., fixtures and repairs, lights.....	36 97	
A. D. Ward, May and June, 1897..	7 54	
Sept. and Oct., repairs, plumbing....	19 52	
Dec. 1897 and Jan'y, 1898.....	71 80	
	<hr/>	98 86
Malcolm & Dyer, Nov., 1897, setting new bowl and repairing radiator.....	4 32	
C. Beal & Co., Jan'y 13, 1897 to Dec. 13, 1897	28 49	
	<hr/>	222 35
Miscellaneous:		
W. H. Rackliff, Feb'y, 1897, pail and mops....	62	
Augusta Lumber Co., Dec., 1896, lumber.....	3 67	
J. A. Folsom, Dec. 10, 1896 to Feb'y 26, 1897, sundries.....	3 65	
S. S. Brooks & Co., April 6, 1897, sponges, &c., for janitor.....	4 60	
Bussell & Weston, April 6, 1897, towels.....	1 35	
Percival Bros., April 6, 1897, soap, oil, &c.....	6 73	
Fowler & Hamlen, oilcloth, treasurer's vault...	1 67	
C. B. Murphy, charging fire extinguishers.....	3 15	
W. E. Percival, dressing.....	1 00	
A. W. Mitchell, painting signs, Assessors.....	1 00	
S. S. Brooks & Co., door spring, screens, wrench, nails, oil, ice tongs, locks, &c., &c.....	32 47	
Frank I. Clark, Feb'y, 1897, keys and padlock..	1 50	
J. A. Jones, July, 1897, window screens.....	4 50	
Webber & Gage, Nov. 1896 to July, 1897, lumber,	47 00	
J. E. Howard, labor.....	1 50	
R. S. Bradbury, use machine.....	2 20	
Broom and brush, janitor.....	2 50	
Augusta Water Co., sill-cocks, &c.....	11 16	
S. S. Brooks & Co., paraffine oil.....	1 95	
J. H. Chandler, rounds for gate, Auditor's vault,	25	
H. R. Randall, sign.....	3 25	
Keys and labor.....	2 15	
Glass panels, Auditor's and Treasurer's office..	11 75	
C. Beale & Co., glass and paint.....	3 30	
Curtain for stage.....	2 91	
Swift & Turner, dusters, brush, &c.....	2 40	
S. C. Webster, ice for season of 1897.....	6 00	
O. R. Wellman, Diamond Spring water.....	5 25	
Oilcloth for Auditor's vault.....	3 00	
Labor and sundries.....	3 65	
Swift & Turner, dustpans, mops, &c.....	10 88	
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		84,501 17

Contingent.

Election Expenses:

Booths in Ward 4, putting up and storing.....	6 00	
Dinners for Ward and election officers.....	73 60	
Booths in 6 Wards, putting up and removing...	30 57	
Expense of posting election notices.....	22 00	
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Expenses, Sanitary:

Disinfecting house, Court Street.....	5 00	
Wood alcohol.....	50	
Medical attendance, quarantine.....	17 00	
“ supplies, “.....	18 50	
Health officer, disinfecting building.....	15 00	
Sanitary Inspector (see also Salaries).....	63 25	
Burying cow, dog and horse.....	3 00	
Oil for burning dump.....	1 25	
	<hr/>	123 50

Law, Costs, &c.:

Expenses and postage, Solicitor.....	6 22	
Expense, Law Court in City vs. Williams.....	12 25	
Solicitor, extra services.....	250 00	
Witness fees.....	9 36	
Cynthia J. Allen, damages.....	25 00	
John Blanchard, Jr., damage to carriage.....	13 00	
C. L. Marston, “ “.....	10 95	
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Auditor's office:

Clerk, Oct. 1, 1896 to April 1, 1897.	150 00	
Postage and rubber stamp.....	8 00	
	<hr/>	158 00

Miscellaneous:

Assistant Assessors' expenses.....	43 00	
Committee on Pensions “.....	50 00	
Centennial celebration.....	499 76	
Clerk to Overseer of Poor, April 1 to Dec. 31, 1897.....	75 00	
City Council organization, Rev. Mr. Newbert, prayer.....	2 00	
City clock, new wire cable.....	8 75	
City Treasurer, express, postage and sundry expenses.....	71 70	
34 grapples.....	17 00	
Typewritten notices, unpaid sewer assessments, Expense Assessors appraising school houses....	7 00	
Board in jail, delinquent tax payer.	5 50	
Expense City Marshal in fire inquests.....	4 00	
“ “ “ guardian inquisition..	3 68	
Rifle range, use and repairs.....	2 00	
Lunch for lodgers, police station.....	30 00	
Rubbish signs.....	10 44	
G. A. & H. Cony for hearse.....	1 40	
	<hr/>	550 00
		1,380 83

Forward..... 2,121 28

Brought forward..... 2,121 28

Vital Statistics:

City Clerk, returns to State Registrar.....	103 95	
L. J. Crooker, M. D.....	3 50	
G. Gaudreau, M. D.....	21 00	
G. E. Friend, M. D.....	4 25	
W. Scott Hill, M. D.....	15 00	
H. B. Hill, M. D.....	5 25	
W. Johnson, M. D.....	6 00	
J. E. Tuell, M. D.....	6 50	
A. J. LaFrance, M. D.....	2 75	
D. W. Hayes, M. D.....	50	
P. H. S. Vaughn, M. D.....	11 50	
C. J. Lincoln, M. D.....	75	
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		2,302 23

Fire Department.

Pay Roll of Fire Companies, Jan'y 1, 1897, to
Jan'y 1, 1898:

Atlantic Hose Co.	375 00	
Cushnoc " "	375 00	
Capital " "	160 00	
Pine Tree " "	135 00	
Volunteer " "	160 00	
Hook and Ladder Co.....	450 00	
Engineer steamer Cushnoc.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	1,705 00
Extra Pay of Firemen:		
Ice house fire.....	2 40	
Gannett fire, Willow St.....	35 20	
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		1,742 60

Apparatus:

2 Common Sense hose nozzles.....	60 00	
2 No. 7 nickel extinguishers.....	44 00	
4 handles and sleeves.....	5 00	
50 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ hose and nozzle.....	6 50	
50 feet hose and nozzle.....	5 60	
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Furniture:

Desks and chairs.....	14 00	
Nickel lamp.....	1 75	
	<hr/>	15 75

Fuel:

Coal and Wood.....		123 50
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Forward..... 2,002 95

<i>Brought forward</i>		2,002 95
Lights :		
Electric lights, Feb. 1, 1897 to Feb. 1, 1898.	92 02	
Gas, Cushnoc hose house, Jan'y 1, 1897, to Jan'y 1, 1898.....	131 55	
Wiring Volunteer hose house for light.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	229 57
Hauling hose :		
Hauling hose, Atlantic Hose Co., Jan'y 1 to Dec. 31, 1897.....	250 00	
Hauling and drying hose	36 00	
	<hr/>	286 00
Fire Alarm :		
Vitriol, and freight on same.....	21 32	
8 non-inter box magnets.....	20 00	
Zincs	38 75	
Battery coppers.....	18 75	
Alarm whistle, Aug. 1, 1896, to Aug. 1, 1897...	120 00	
Labor, repairs fire alarm.....	6 35	
Changing position of alarm box.....	36 39	
Miscellaneous supplies.....	23 59	
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Repairs. Buildings and Apparatus :		
E. R. Bean.....	1 15	
Fletcher & Robbins	25 87	
C. Churchill, repairs steamer.....	8 00	
Delano & Shaw	10 70	
E. S. Gifford, stalls Cushnoc house.....	6 25	
Malcolm & Dyer	11 42	
F. R. Wellman	43 99	
Augusta Lumber Co.....	60 30	
C. Beale & Co	41 07	
Augusta Water Co	20 75	
J. M. Nichols, repairs, reservoir ...	30 98	
Taber, Carey & Reid	25	
	<hr/>	260 73
Miscellaneous :		
Express, trucking, oil, pails, &c		45 77
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		3,110 17

Department of Highways.—Eastern District.

Highways:		
City Engineer.....	5 25	
Labor on village streets.....	1,251 47	
“ country roads.....	1,974 14	
Lumber.....	190 08	
Repair of tools.....	19 57	
“ sidewalks.....	11 20	
Stone and gravel.....	49 20	
Tools.....	7 20	
Miscellaneous, nails, repairing fence, dynamite, repairing stand pipe, &c.....	57 49	
	<hr/>	3,565 60
Highways, special:		
Tar and pitch.....	207 73	
Labor.....	795 27	
Gravel and sods.....	45 00	
Tools.....	1 75	
Lumber.....	52 56	
Repairs of tools.....	4 25	
Augusta Water Co., labor and material, corner Cory and Stone Streets.....	55 90	
	<hr/>	1,162 46
Kennebec Bridge:		
Inspection.....	12 50	
Labor.....	154 81	
Lumber, 21,240 feet 2-inch spruce.....	265 60	
Nails, tools, &c.....	21 91	
	<hr/>	454 82
Snow Bills, Eastern District:		
Labor, village streets.....	504 78	
“ country roads.....	474 68	
Lumber for snow plows.....	19 82	
Repairs of tools.....	2 85	
	<hr/>	1,002 13
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		6,185 01

Department of Highways.—Western District.

Highways:		
Labor on village streets.....	3,927 54	
“ sweeping Water Street.....	416 00	
“ on country roads.....	1,614 28	
Lumber.....	347 31	
	<hr/>	6,305 13
Tools and Repairs of Tools:		
Broom for street sweeper.....	48 00	
Wheelbarrow.....	3 50	
Shovels and rake.....	2 75	
Miscellaneous, repairs of tools.....	135 99	
	<hr/>	190 24
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<i>Forward</i>		6,495 37

<i>Brought forward</i>		6,495 37
Miscellaneous Bills:		
A. D. Ward, bills of July 16, April 12, 16, 1897.	9 49	
S. S. Brooks & Co., April 29, May 27....	10 16	
B. W. Fisher, for gravel.....	22 05	
Malcolm & Dyer, nails, &c.....	14 18	
E. J. Philbrick, gravel.....	11 10	
City Engineer.....	9 70	
A. D. Ward, 8-inch pipe, &c.....	4 36	
S. S. Brooks & Co., powder, nails, &c.....	3 61	
Erskine Grocery Co., oil, globes, &c.....	1 55	
A. D. Ward, grease, brooms, &c.....	2 90	
Gay & Parsons, labor.....	1 50	
C. H. Cunningham, cement.....	1 40	
Erskine Grocery Co., oil.....	60	
Augusta Water Co., repairs of stand pipes.....	16 23	
Malcolm & Dyer, Sept. 20, 1897.....	1 40	
F. K. Sawyer, watering trough.....	3 00	
A. D. Ward, Aug. 7, Oct. 27, 1897, sundries....	21 55	
Wm. Marriner, sawdust.....	5 00	
A. D. Ward, Oct. 27, Nov. 22, 1897,.....	14 85	
O. R. Wellman, sprinkling Western Avenue....	5 00	
S. S. Brooks & Co.....	8 49	
	<hr/>	168 12
City Team:		
Alex McCausland, driver.....	660 00	
Shoeing horses and veterinary.....	29 36	
Grain, hay, oats, straw, &c.....	256 96	
	<hr/>	946 32
Snow Bills, Western District:		
Labor, village streets.....	1,193 34	
“ country roads.....	408 50	
Tools and repairs of tools.....	23 25	
Lumber.....	1 80	
Care watering trough, Cushnoc Heights.....	10 00	
Use of land for winter road.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	1,646 89
Gage Street Fill:		
W. B. Getchell, City Engineer.....	4 80	
Labor, men and teams.....	50 50	
O. R. Wellman.....	277 50	
	<hr/>	332 80
Sidewalks:		
Tar and pitch and freight on same.....	363 83	
Labor.....	727 65	
	<hr/>	1,091 48
Wharfage.....		25 00
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<i>Forward</i>		10,705 98

<i>Brought forward</i>			10,705 98
Bond Brook Bridge:			
Robert A. Packard, on contract...	1,199 00		
Same, use of tools.....	166 50		
		1,365 50	
Pittsburg Bridge Co., on contract.....		465 00	
Labor of workmen.....		1,495 97	
City Engineer and assistant.....		275 20	
Oakland Manufacturing Co., lumber.....		77 90	
Frederick Cony, cement.....		204 35	
Augusta Lumber Co.....		91 89	
Hallowell Granite Works, granite.....		94 68	
Purinton Bros., wood and coal.....		49 31	
Sundry persons, hauling granite.....		112 33	
A. T. Fuller, crushed granite.....	42 00		
“ 10 yards pinners.....	15 00		
		57 00	
Miscellaneous bills.....		44 79	
			4,333 92
Town Landing:			
R. A. Packard, contract.....		798 50	
W. B. Getchell, City Engineer.....		37 65	
A. B. Cross, labor.....		16 00	
Joseph Pelletier, labor.....		12 00	
Wallace W. Turner.....		20 00	
Turner & Brown.....		4 50	
			888 65
			15,928 55

Hydrants and Water.

Augusta Water Co., hydrant rent, Dec. 1, 1896, to Dec. 1, 1897, 80 hydrants as per contract,			
Nos. 1 to 80, inclusive.....		1,833 34	
Nos. 81, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93—7 @ \$30.....		210 00	
Nos. 82, 84, 85, 86 and 87—5 @ \$45.....		225 00	
No. 83, State Street.....		60 00	
No. 94., Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 1897, @ \$30.....		2 50	
			2,330 84
Watering Troughs, winter of 1896-'97:			
Cushnoc Heights.....		25 00	
Corner Cony and Stone Streets.....		25 00	
Western Avenue.....		25 00	
			75 00
Repairs watering trough.....			14 37
			2,420 21

*Interest.**Coupons Matured :*

April 1, 1897, bonds of 1894, 4% coupons, No. 5,	1,300 00	
July 1, " " 1875, 6% " " 44,	1,740 00	
" 1, " " 1890, 4% " " 14,	120 00	
Aug. 15, " " 1887, 4% " " 21,	3,460 00	
" 15, " " 1890, 5% " " 15,	225 00	
Oct. 1, " " 1894, 4% " " 6,	1,300 00	
Jan. 1, 1898, " 1875, 6% " " 45,	1,575 00	
" 1, " " 1890, 4% " " 15,	120 00	
Feb. 15, " " 1887, 4% " " 22,	3,460 00	
" 15, " " 1890, 5% " " 16,	225 00	
	<hr/>	13,525 00

Interest on Trust Funds :

Lithgow Library	1,060 00	
Saint Mark's Home.....	500 00	
Sanford Legacy.....	90 00	
	<hr/>	1,650 00
[R. C. Irish trust fund, see Cemeteries.]		
Interest on temporary loans.....		687 08
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		15,862 08

Lighting Streets.

Feb'y 1, 1897, to Feb'y 1, 1898, Kennebec Light & Heat Co. :

54 all night arc lights, @ \$75	4,050 00	
35 to 12 P. M. " " 60	2,100 00	
18 inc. 65 C. P. lights, to 12 P. M. @ \$25	450 00	
1 " " " " " 3 mos., @ \$25,	6 25	
1 " " " " " 2½ mos., "	5 19	
1 " " " " " all night, @ \$36.....	36 00	
	<hr/>	6,647 44

Lithgow Library.

City appropriations paid treasurer.....	1,000 00	
Amount received from State paid treasurer.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,100 00
[Interest on trust funds, \$1,000. See Interest.]		

Memorial Day.

Seth Williams Post No. 13, G. A. R	200 00
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New Streets.

W. B. Getchell, Murray Street	6 80
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Park.

Frederick Cony, phosphate.....	5 25	
S. T. Cannon, balance contract 1896-'97.....	184 00	
" " on contract 1897-'98.....	66 00	
	<hr/>	255 25

Police.

Regular Officers, Feb'y 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898, 13 months:	
Frank E. Chase, Dec. 1897 to Feb'y, 1898, inclusive.....	144 00
Chas E. Grover, April, 1897 to Feb'y, 1898, inclusive.....	670 00
James A. Jones, Feb'y and March, 1897.....	118 00
James A. McDonald, Sept., 1897, to Feb'y, 1898, inclusive.....	364 00
James E. McGuinness, Feb'y, 1897.....	16 00
Chas. A. Miron, April, 1897, to Feb'y, 1898, inclusive.....	668 00
Eugene E. Randall, Feb'y to Dec., 1897, inclusive.....	642 00
Robert G. Shea, Feb'y 1897 to Feb'y, 1898, inclusive.....	782 00
Wm. L. Thompson, Feb'y, 1897 to Aug., 1897, inclusive.....	424 00
Wm. A. Ward, Feb'y, 1897, to Feb'y, 1898, inclusive.....	763 00
Edw. L. White, Feb'y and March, 1897.....	44 00
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	4,635 00
Special officers.....	324 00
Telephone rental.....	54 00
Watch Clock System, 14 stations.....	56 00
“ “ “ 1 recorder.....	65 00
“ “ “ 12 batteries.....	12 00
“ “ “ 14 clock boxes.....	15 68
“ “ “ Line work.....	175 00
“ “ “ Police alarm.....	4 84
“ “ “ Labor.....	9 00
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	337 52
Miscellaneous items.....	53 04
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	5,403 56

Printing and Advertising.

Badger & Manley.....	469 50
Burleigh & Flynt.....	650 33
Maine Farmer Publishing Co.....	56 00
H. M. Plaisted & Son.....	333 00
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	1,508 83
Advertising official ballots, elections.....	664 88
Printing city reports.....	278 25
“ for Board of Registration,	50 25
“ election blanks, votes, &c.	192 02
“ school reports.....	32 00
Advertising taxes, proposals and various notices.....	219 03
Miscellaneous printing, blanks, &c.	72 40
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	1,508 83

Salaries.

Mayor, Dec. 15, 1896 to Dec. 15, 1897.....	300 00
Judge of Municipal Court, Dec. 15, 1896, to Dec. 15, 1897.....	1,000 00

Salaries for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897 :

Bell Ringer.....	100 00
City Auditor.....	450 00
“ Clerk.....	150 00
“ Marshal.....	1,000 00
“ Physician.....	150 00
“ Solicitor.....	200 00
“ Treasurer.....	500 00
“ Collector, commission to Feb. 1, 1898	1,879 35
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	2,379 35
Chief Engineer Fire Department.....	300 00
As'st “ “ “	50 00
“ “ “ “	50 00
Health Officer.....	50 00
Inspector of Buildings.....	100 00
Janitor City Building, April 1 to Dec. 31, 1897..	375 00
Keeper of Clocks.....	100 00

Overseers of Poor :

James J. Maher, Jan'y 1 to April 1, 1897	62 50
A. W. Brooks, Jan'y 1 to April 1, 1897	25 00
Chas. R. Choate, Jan'y 1 to April 1, 1897.....	25 00
G. A. Robertson, April 1 to Dec. 31, 1897	600 00
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	712 50

School Committee :

J. M. Wyman, Jan'y 1 to April 1, 1897.....	125 00
A. D. Russell, for committee, April 1 to Dec. 31.....	75 00
Caroline S. Fogg.....	300 00
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	500 00
Street Commissioner, E. District...	720 00
“ “ W. District..	900 00
Board of Assessors, April 1, 1897, to April 1, 1898.....	750 00
Additional services.	375 00
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	1,125 00

Board of Registration :

A. S. Bangs.....	100 00	
L. A. Dyer.....	184 00	
S. S. Lancaster.....	108 00	
Henry A. Heath, clerk.	96 00	
	<hr/>	488 00

Assistant Assessors :

L. A. Dyer.....	57 50	
W. H. Getchell.....	17 50	
J. S. Little.....	45 00	
D. B. Savage.....	57 50	
	<hr/>	177 50

Sanitary Inspector E. R. Bean.... 56 25

Ward and Election Officers..... 258 00

11,691 60

Sewers.

Catch basins	194 75
Cement.....	76 25
Bricks.....	39 00
Man-hole rims and covers.....	48 00
Base and grate.....	7 95
Repair of sewer under town landing wall.....	39 95
Miscellaneous items.....	33 54
Plans and supervision of construction.....	206 35
Labor.....	196 46

Sewer construction :

Contract with C. W. Trask.....	889 70
“ “ E. J. White.....	427 71
Sewer assessment refunded W. H. Turner....	25 00

2,184 66

Stationery and Blank Books.

Blackbird Pen Co.....	1 50
Brooks Bank Note Co., letter heads & envelopes,	20 00
T. C. Buck, dating stamps.....	8 75
C. W. Fletcher, check punch.....	10 00
W. B. Getchell, plan paper.....	3 20
Samuel W. Lane, paper fasteners, ink pads, etc.,	4 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, blanks.....	3 70
A. E. Martell, order books.....	15 00
W. E. Perkins, paper, pencils, etc.....	12 84
J. Frank Pierce miscellaneous supplies.....	
for city council and city officers.....	451 15
Geo. W. Quibny, pens.....	9 00
Smith & Reid, blank books.....	143 41

683 30

Support of Insane, etc.

Maine Industrial School for Girls.....	451 50	
Maine Insane Hospital.....	2,026 90	
State Reform School	190 00	
H. W. Goodspeed, M. D.....	6 00	
W. H. Harris, M. D.....	2 00	
W. Johnson, M. D.....	2 00	
A. J. LaFrance, M. D	5 00	
R. J. Martin, M. D.....	4 00	
J. L. McAleney, M. D.....	2 00	
Henry T. Morse.....	8 00	
O. W. Turner, M. D.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	2,699 40

Support of Poor.

From Feb'y 1, 1897, to Feb'y 1, 1898:

Roll of Accts No. 3, Passed March 11, 1897...	762 12	
" " No. 4, " April 15, " ...	490 30	
" " No. 5, " May 13, " ...	2,005 47	
" " No. 6, " June 10, " ...	713 97	
" " No. 7, " July 15, " ...	762 20	
" " No. 8, " Aug. 12, " ...	347 93	
" " No. 9, " Sept. 9, " ...	779 00	
" " No. 10, " Oct. 14, " ...	525 40	
" " No. 11, " Nov. 11, " ...	759 21	
" " No. 12, " Dec. 9, " ...	978 17	
" " No. 1, 1898, Passed Jan. 13, 1898,	749 86	
" " No. 2, " " Feb. 10, " ...	1,478 51	
	<hr/>	10,352 14

The individual bills which make up the foregoing account are given in the report of the overseer of the poor, pages 50 to 54 inclusive.

To *approximately* show the expenditures for the year, March 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898:

From the above total.....	10,352 14
Deduct Roll No. 3, March 11, 1897.....	762 12
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	9,590 02
Add Roll of Accts. No. 3 of March 10, 1898.	1,074 99
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Approximate cost, Mar. 1, 1897, to Mar. 1, 1898..

10,665 01

The word "*approximate*" is used advisedly. The bills of Roll of Accts. No. 3, March, 1897, belong to the year '96-97, ending Feb. 28, '97 but these bills cannot appear in the Auditor's Account until the following municipal year. The same is true of Roll No. 3, of March, 1898. They belong to the previous municipal year, but necessarily appear in the Auditor's Acct. for the current year, ending Feb. 28, 1899.

The bills of Roll of Accts. No. 3, of March 11, 1897, are as follows, with dates covered by the bills:

Names.	Dates.	Amount.
T. M. Baker,	Feb. 7—26, 1897.....	57 71
Bowditch, Webster & Co.,	Apr. 30—July 24, 1896..	20 90
A. W. Brooks,	Feb. 15—16, 1897.....	7 00
H. Chernowsky,	Feb. 2, 1897.....	2 00
Chas. R. Choate,	Feb. 6—27, 1897.	2 40
City of Portland,	"to Jan. 12, 1897".....	22 00
A. W. Clark,	Jan. 20, 1897.....	5 00
Frederick Cony,	Feb. 1—26, 1897.....	94 85
O. S. C. Davies, M. D.,	Nov. & Dec. 1896.....	21 00
Enos Douglass.	Feb. 1—28, 1897.....	40 00
A. M. Goddard,	Sept. 24—Dec. 18, 1896..	51 61
Henry Hartung,	Feb. 1897.....	12 00
Home for Homeless Children,	Feb. 23, 1897.....	75 00
W. Johnson, M. D.,	Feb. 1—20, 1897.....	67 50
C. A. Libby,	Jan. 28—Feb. 3, 1897...	11 00
Chas. E. Lyon.	Feb. 26, 1897.....	15 50
J. J. Maher,	Feb. 2—23, 1897.....	147 12
Malcolm & Dyer,	Feb. 10—15, 1897.....	4 20
E. E. Marson,	Jan. 8—Feb. 10, 1897...	27 65
G. W. Moody,	Feb. 9, 1897.....	1 50
D. F. Moore & Co.,	Jan. 8—Feb. 1, 1897....	8 75
W. E. Percival,	Feb. 26, 1897.....	11 76
E. Stone & Co.,	Feb. 10—23, 1897.....	48 75
Arthur Tetrault.	Jan. 1—30, 1897.....	6 92

762 12

The Overseer in his report (see page 49) refers to bills of the previous year "amounting in the aggregate to about \$1200." Without going into minute details I find in addition to the bills of Roll 3, which necessarily come over to the next year, bills as follows, which belong to the year 1896-7:

Roll 4 of April 15, 1897, contained.....	50 00
" 5 of May 13, "	929 15
" 6 of June 10, "	164 85
" 7 of July 15. "	128 45

1,272 45

The Overseer's "about \$1200" is approximately correct. The bills of the subsequent rolls, 8 to 12 of 1897, and 1 and 2 of 1898, have not been examined for the purpose of ascertaining if other bills of the previous year exist.

Discounts.

On taxes of 1897.	3,199 62
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Loss and Gain.

Discount on taxes of 1895, order of		
City Council.....	181 27	
Abatements, taxes of 1895.....	396 31	
	<hr/>	577 58
" " " 1896.....	2,210 92	
Tax deeds cancelled	39 17	
	<hr/>	2,250 09
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		2,827 67

Miscellaneous Accounts.

City Bonds—Reduction of Debt:

City 4% bonds of 1897, Nos. 27 and 28, ma- tured Feb. 15, 1897.....	2,000 00	
City 6% bonds of 1875, matured July 1, 1897:		
Nos. 16 and 17, @ \$1,000.....	2,000 00	
" 71, 72 and 73, \$500.....	1,500 00	
" 128, 129, 130, 131, 132 and 133, \$300.....	1,800 00	
" 190 and 191, \$100.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	7,500 00

Cities and Towns.

Aid furnished to poor belonging to sundry cities and towns, credited to Support of Poor....	865 72
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Dog Licenses.

State Treasurer—amount received of City Clerk	357 00	
Damages to Sheep:		
Daniel F. Scribner	25 00	
Geo. W. Knowles.....	12 00	
	<hr/>	394 00

County Tax.

Treasurer of Kennebec County.....	9,208 23
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State Tax.

State Treasurer.....	22,537 23
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State Pensions.

Sundry pensions paid, refunded by the State...	2,010 00
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Coupons of City Bonds.

Matured coupons paid.....	13,394 00
(Lithgow Library.....	\$1,060 00
St. Mark's Home	500 00
Sanford legacy.....	90 00
Interest on trust funds....	\$1,650 00)

Temporary Loans.

City notes paid.....	50,450 39
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Non-Resident Tax Deeds.

Real estate sold for non-payment of taxes of
1896, and bid in by city agent:

A. P. Longfellow.....	1 57
Ellen M. Potter	3 84
Clara E. Reynolds	2 06
Wm. A. Smith.....	10 80
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	18 27

Taxes of 1896 added to deeds held by the city
under previous sales, by order of the City
Council:

E. B. Clark.....	2 71
Orrin Emerson.....	6 18
Thomas G. Field (redeemed).....	3 09
Granville Greenleaf.....	12 36
Orrin Smith.....	1 03
Ruel E. Trask.....	2 06
Otis D. Wilson.....	16 48
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Resident Tax Deeds.

Real estate bid in by the city agent for taxes of
1896, tax sale of Dec. 7, 1897:

A. B. Bowler.....	17 83
Albert E. Brewer (redeemed).....	5 40
Heirs of Jane Chamberlain.....	12 96
Clover Medicine Co.....	21 60
George Howard... ..	3 24
Fred Lawrence.....	5 12
Fred A. Morton	30 24
Fred Norcross.....	13 60
Heirs of S. P. Randall.....	12 36
Warner Taylor (redeemed)	13 39
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	135 74

Taxes of 1896 added to deeds held by the city
under previous sales :

George W. Burgess.....	16 52
Herbert A. Carey.....	18 54
Jos. E. Clark (redeemed).....	33 04
Hiram Clark.....	37 80
Lorenzo D. Gilley.....	9 44
John H. Grant.....	27 00
Melvin Gray (cancelled).....	10 80
Michael Judge.....	3 76
Frank B. Knowlton.....	16 52
J. A. Knowles.....	28 08
Betsey Libby.....	7 08
W. W. Shaw.....	4 12
John Sherman.....	2 58
Alonzo B. Trask (redeemed).....	6 48
Horace E. Trask.....	3 61
Estate of Georgia Wood.....	10 30
Samuel Wood.....	8 24

379 65

SCHOOLS—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Apportionment of School Funds.

Amount assessed.....	8,421 00
State school fund.....	7,263 43
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	15,685 03

Apportioned :

To common, suburban schools.....	4,971 30
“ Village District.....	8,383 00
“ Williams District.....	2,330 73

15,685 03

School Expenditures—March 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898.

Common Schools :

Teachers' wages.....	3,492 30
Janitors' “.....	244 52
Fuel.....	184 05
Conveying pupils.....	879 60
Apparatus, books and supplies.....	567 59

5,368 06

Cony High School :

Teachers' wages.....	4,010 00
Janitor's “.....	488 66
Fuel.....	486 63
Apparatus.....	2 50
Miscellaneous supplies.....	207 16
Text books.....	251 37
Furniture.....	41 83
Repairs.....	775 38
Miscellaneous.....	34 42

6,297 95

Village District :

Teachers' wages.....	8,613 98	
Janitors' "	861 96	
Fuel.....	1,023 39	
Furniture.	134 90	
Apparatus.....	287 64	
Supplies.....	1,103 98	
Insurance.....	120 30	
Interest.....	50 00	
Repairs.....	463 87	
Building account.....	11,228 86	
Miscellaneous.....	828 71	
Abatements of taxes and discounts.....	673 13	
	<hr/>	25,390 72

Williams District :

Teachers' wages.....	2,973 23	
Janitor's "	466 35	
Fuel	311 32	
Apparatus	422 29	
Furniture.....	53 50	
Repairs.....	228 95	
District debt.....	500 00	
Interest.....	500 00	
Miscellaneous.....	357 95	
Abatements and discounts.....	155 07	
	<hr/>	\$5,963 66

Text Books :

Ginn & Co., bill of Jan. 8, 1897.....	11 90	
Silver, Burdett & Co., bill of Feb. 5, '97	154 85	
Less old books.....	43 90	110 95
F. H. Beale & Co., bill of June 4, 1892..	12 15	
	<hr/>	\$135 00

Trust Funds.

Isaac Sanford Legacy.....		1,500 00
(Interest 6%, payable to the town of Manchester, July 1, 1898.)		
Saint Mark's Home, interest 5%.....		1,0000 00
Lithgow Library, interest 5%:		
Original Lithgow bequest.....	20,000 00	
Robinson bequest.....	1,000 00	
Joseph H. Williams bequest.....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	22,000 00
Cemetery trust funds:		
Julia I. Irish trust fund.....	150 00	
Susan R. Crockett trust fund.....	100 00	
(Interest applied to care of cemetery lots.)	<hr/>	250 00
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		33,750 00

City Debt.

The city bonded debt Feb. 28, 1898, is as follows, with the date of maturity:

The interest bearing debt matures as follows:

July 1, 1898, 6 per cent. bonds,	6,000 00	
1899, 6 " "	6,500 00	
1900, 6 " "	7,000 00	
1900, 4 " "	6,000 00	
	<hr/>	13,000 00
1901, 6 " "	7,500 00	
Feb. 15, 1902, 5 " "	9,000 00	
	<hr/>	16,500 00
July 1, 1902, 6 " "	8,000 00	
1903, 6 " "	8,000 00	
1904, 6 " "	8,000 00	
Feb. 15, 1905, 4 " "	9,000 00	
	<hr/>	17,000 00
July 1, 1905, 6 " "	1,500 00	
Feb. 15, 1906, 4 " "	10,000 00	
	<hr/>	11,500 00
1907, 4 " "	10,000 00	
1908, 4 " "	11,000 00	
1909, 4 " "	12,500 00	
1910, 4 " "	12,500 00	
1911, 4 " "	15,000 00	
1912, 4 " "	15,000 00	
1913, 4 " "	15,000 00	
1914, 4 " "	15,000 00	
1915, 4 " "	16,000 00	
1916, 4 " "	16,000 00	
1917, 4 " "	16,000 00	
Oct. 1, 1919, 4 " "	65,000 00	
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Total bonded debt.....	305 500 00	
Temporary loans, on demand.....	18,000 00	
Total interest bearing debt...	<hr/>	323,500 00

Maturity of Six per cent. Bonds.

July 1, 1898, bonds Nos. 14- 15, 2	1,000,	2,000 00	
67- 70, 4	500,	2,000 00	
122-127, 6	300,	1,800 00	
188-189, 2	100,	200 00	
		<hr/>	6,000 00
July 1, 1899, bonds Nos. 12- 13, 2	1,000,	2,000 00	
62- 66, 5	500,	2,500 00	
116-121, 6	300,	1,800 00	
186-187, 2	100,	200 00	
		<hr/>	6,500 00

July 1, 1900, bonds Nos. 10- 11, 2	1 000,	2,000 00	
57- 61, 5	500,	2,500 00	
110-115, 6	300,	1,800 00	
179-185, 7	100,	700 00	
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July 1, 1901, bonds Nos. 8 - 9, 2	1,000,	2,000 00	
50-55, 6	300,	1,800 00	
103 ¹ / ₂ -109, 7	500,	3,500 00	
176-178, 2	100,	200 00	
		<hr/>	7,500 00
July 1, 1902, bonds Nos. 6 - 7, 2	1,000,	2,000 00	
43-49, 7	500,	3,500 00	
98-103, 6	300,	1,800 00	
170-176, 7	100,	700 00	
		<hr/>	8,000 00
July 1, 1903, bonds Nos. 4 - 5, 2	1,000,	2,000 00	
35-42, 8	500,	4,000 00	
92-97, 6	300,	1,800 00	
168-169, 2	100,	200 00	
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July 1, 1904, bonds Nos. 2 - 3, 2	1,000,	2,000 00	
27-34, 8	500,	4,000 00	
86-91, 6	300,	1,800 00	
166-167, 2	100,	200 00	
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July 1, 1905, bond No. 1,		1,000 00	
26,		500 00	
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			\$52,500 00

Maturity of Four per cent. Bonds of 1887.

Feb. 15, 1905, bonds Nos. 30- 38, 9 @ 1,000,		\$ 9,000 00
1906, " 39- 48, 10 "		10,000 00
1907, " 49- 58, 10 "		10,000 00
1908, " 59- 69, 11 "		11,000 00
1909, " 70- 81, 12 "	12,000 00	
1909, " 82-	500 00	
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1910, " 83- 94, 12 "	12,000 00	
1910, " 95-	500 00	
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1911 " 96-110, 15 "		15,000 00
1912 " 111-125, 15 "		15,000 00
1913 " 126-140, 15 "		15,000 00
1914 " 141-155, 15 "		15,000 00
1915 " 146-171, 16 "		16,000 00
1916 " 172-187, 16 "		16,000 00
1916 " 188-203, 16 "		16,000 00
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		\$173,000 00

The 4 per cent. bonds of 1890 become due July 1, 1900,	6,000 00
The City 5 per cent. bonds of 1890 become due Feb. 15, 1902,	9,000 00
The City 4 per cent. bonds of Oct. 1, 1894, become due Oct. 1, 1919, payable in gold,	65,000 00

Interest on City Debt.

Coupons mature as follows for the ensuing year :

April 1, 1898, Coupon No. 7, bonds of 1894, 4%,	1,300 00
July 1, " " " 46, " 1875, 6%,	1,575 00
" 1, " " " 16, " 1890, 4%,	120 00
Aug. 15, " " " 23, " 1887, 4%,	3,460 00
" 15, " " " 17, " 1890, 5%,	225 00
Oct. 1, " " " 8, " 1894, 4%,	1,300 00
Jan. 1, 1899, " " 47, " 1875, 6%,	1,395 00
" 1, " " " 17, " 1890, 4%,	120 00
Feb. 15, " " " 24, " 1887, 4%,	3,460 00
" 15, " " " 18, " 1890, 5%,	225 00
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	13,180 00

Interest on Trust Funds :

Sanford Legacy, July 1, 1898	90 00
Lithgow Library, May and Nov., \$550.00.....	1,100 00
Saint Mark's Home, June and Dec., \$250.00....	500 00
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	1,690 00

Schedule of City Property.

From report of Assessors, page 18 :

City farm and buildings.....	\$6,000 00
Atlantic engine house and lot.....	600 00
Capitol hose house, State Street.....	400 00
Cushman engine house and lot	1,500 00
Pine Tree hose house Bangor Street.....	150 00
Volunteer hose house, Northern Ave.....	150 00
City scales and building, Commercial Street.....	500 00
About 2½ acres land west end Capitol Street.....	1,500 00
About ¼ acre land near Britt's gully.....	100 00
Part of City Hall lot	1,000 00
Furniture in City Hall and rooms.....	3,000 00

Inventory of tools, Highway Department, Eastern District :

See report of P. N. Savage, page 36.

Schedule of property at city farm :

See report of G. A. Robertson, Overseer, pages 56 to 59, inclusive.

No other returns of city property have been rendered.

City Ordinances.

The City Engineer in his report, page 21, relating to "Town Landing," last clause, says:

"A part of the wall next to the postoffice belongs to the United States government, from whom the city received \$75."

As this \$75 was not paid to the City Treasurer, but was paid to Mr. Robert A. Packard, either by the United States government or by the city officer who received it, as it was deducted from Mr. Packard's bill on final settlement of his contract, the attention of the City Council and of all city officers is requested to the following city ordinance:

Chapter XVII, Sec. 7. Page 99.

"Section 7. All persons who may receive any money at any time, on behalf of the city, shall forthwith pay the same to the Treasurer, and all officers receiving money for the city shall, as often as once in three months, report to the auditor an account of their receipts in detail, except in cases otherwise specially provided for."

The City Treasurer and Collector's accounts and vouchers have at *all times* been open to the inspection of the Auditor, the accounts carefully kept and *always correct*, with vouchers arranged to render the Auditor's labors the least possible.

The city solicitor has uniformly notified the Auditor whenever he has paid money to the City Treasurer.

On February 28, notice was received from Thos. Leigh, Jr., City Solicitor, of the payment to the City Treasurer of the following sewer assessments:

Chapel Street, C. E. Town	\$15 00
Church " C. Hill by L. Titcomb	20 00
Court " L. Titcomb	15 00
" " Estate of Mary Fox	15 00
Eastern Avenue, K. R. Hanks	20 00
" " S. W. Messer	20 60
Gannett Street, L. Titcomb	20 00
Wade Sewer, F. W. Robinson	15 00
Winthrop Street, Estate of Lewis D. Moore	25 00
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	\$165 00

Mr. Leigh's check reached the City Treasurer, by mail, February 28, after the accounts for the day had been closed, and the account, therefore, does not appear in the receipts of the past year, but is entered on the Treasurer's accounts for March 1, 1898, and will appear in the next annual report.

The Janitor of the city building, who has had charge of renting the City Hall, has complied strictly with the ordinance and submitted a detailed account as required.

The attention of all others is respectfully called to the provisions of this ordinance:

Chapter XVII, Sec. 8, Page 99.

"Section 8. The Mayor, Treasurer, Collector, and all other officers of the city, shall annually, on the first day of March, report to the Auditor an account of all debts due the city."

The Treasurer's and Collector's reports were duly received.

LEASES.

LEASE FROM CITY OF AUGUSTA TO AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY.

THIS INDENTURE, made the fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-five, by and between the CITY OF AUGUSTA, a municipal corporation, and the AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY, a corporation established by law and located at said Augusta.

WITNESSETH, That, whereas the City Council of said city, at a legal meeting thereof on the twenty-first day of August, A. D. 1895, legally passed the following votes:

Ordered, The Council concurring, that Aldermen Cony, Dudley and Cunningham, and Councilmen Lane, Foster and Colburn, are hereby authorized and directed to forthwith execute in the name and on behalf of the city and under its corporate seal the following contract with the Augusta City Building Company: [Then follows the contract (see *supra*.)] Also

Ordered, The Council concurring, that the foregoing committee, so signing said contract are hereby authorized and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the city, and under its corporate seal, the leases described in the foregoing vote and form of contract, and to perform all other duties required by the foregoing vote and the contract thereunder, and to exercise all powers required for the execution and full performance of its stipulations.

And

WHEREAS, On the twenty-second day of August, the said city and the said Augusta City Building Company legally executed and delivered, each to the other, the contract recited at length in the foregoing votes, and

WHEREAS, By consent of the said city the said company has entered into the occupancy of the premises referred to in item second of said contract, for the purposes thereof; and

WHEREAS, The said company has purchased in fee simple the land referred to in item third of said contract, and has received a good and sufficient deed thereof; and

WHEREAS, The plans and specifications required by items sixth and seventh of said contract have been by said city selected, approved, procured and delivered to said company, and contracts therefor have been let by said company as required by item sixth, seventh and eighth of said contract, and in the manner therein required, and said company as required by item eleventh of said contract, has begun construction thereunder; and

WHEREAS, With the delivery of this Indenture, the parties hereto have interchangeably executed and delivered, each to the other, the leases

required by items thirteenth, fourteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth of said contract.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements in said contract and leases contained, and of other considerations, each to the other moving, and of the sum of one dollar this day paid to the said city by the said company, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by said city, the said city of Augusta does hereby lease, demise and let unto the said Augusta City Building Company, its successors and assigns, a certain lot or parcel of land now owned by said city, situate in said Augusta on the east side of the Kennebec river, and bounded on the west by the Kennebec river, on the south by the Kennebec bridge and the highway, on the east and north by land formerly owned by Lendall Titcomb and others, subject to the reservations and exceptions hereinafter contained.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same from the date hereof for the purposes of the contract aforesaid until the said city shall purchase the building so to be built thereon, as in said contract provided, yielding and paying therefor the rent of one dollar for the full term thereof, which rent has been paid with the delivery hereof.

This lease is made and accepted upon the following further terms, covenants and agreements, viz. :

First. The said lessee covenants that it will never assign this lease nor underlet the whole nor any part of the premises hereby demised without the written assent of the lessor first had and obtained.

Second. The said lessee further covenants that it will provide in said building so to be erected as aforesaid, an office for the commissioner or keeper of the Kennebec bridge (by whatever name said officer may be called), without rent or expense therefor to said city, said office so to be occupied by such officer during the term hereof.

Third. The said lessee further covenants that the said building, so to be erected as aforesaid, shall be so built and so located that the masonry and walls thereof shall assist in keeping up and maintaining the Kennebec bridge and to protect the said bridge and its easterly approach and abutment from injury by freshet or otherwise.

Fourth. The said lessee further covenants that it will so build and maintain its said building as not to impair in any degree the strength or efficiency of the river wall on the westerly side of said lot, now necessary to keep up and maintain said bridge, and the said lessee further covenants that the westerly wall of said building shall be so located and be so built as to strengthen said river wall.

Fifth. The said lessee further covenants that said city may at all times enter upon said lot and make such repairs and alterations in said river wall, easterly abutment and approach, and said Kennebec bridge, as may be necessary to keep up and maintain the same.

Sixth. It is mutually agreed that so much of said land as may be necessary to straighten and widen the northerly sidewalk of the easterly approach to said bridge, is hereby excepted and reserved from the premises hereby leased.

Seventh. The said lessor on its part hereby covenants that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said lessee, its successors and assigns, having paid the rent herein reserved, and keeping and performing all other covenants and agreements by the said lessee to be kept and performed under the terms of this lease, peaceably and quietly to have, hold, use, occupy and enjoy all and singular the premises hereby demised with the appurtenances for and during the term aforesaid, without any molestation whatsoever.

Eighth. The said lessor further covenants and agrees that it will make any further assurance or conveyance which, at any time, may be found necessary to secure to said lessee the exercise of its rights, powers and privileges under this indenture according to its true intent and meaning; and will, at the request of said lessee, authorize and execute any instrument of conveyance of property which, under the terms of the foregoing votes the lessor is authorized to make, and will do any act required to be done in its corporate capacity, which may be necessary to enable the lessee to exercise the rights, powers and privileges authorized by the foregoing votes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said CITY OF AUGUSTA has caused these presents and a like instrument of even tenor and date herewith to be subscribed by Frederick Cony, Charles H. Cunningham and Edwin C. Dudley, severally Aldermen of said city, and by John V. Lane, A. W. Foster and Francisco D. Colburn, severally Common Councilmen of said city, hereunto duly authorized by the votes aforesaid, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and the said AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY has caused these presents to be subscribed by P. O. Vickery, its president, and Treby Johnson, its treasurer, who severally covenant that they are duly authorized so to do, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, all on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
H. M. HEATH.

CITY OF AUGUSTA, by

L. S.

FREDERICK CONY, EDWIN C. DUDLEY, CHAS. H. CUNNINGHAM, JOHN V. LANE, A. W. FOSTER, FRANCISCO D. COLBURN,	}	Committee.
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AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING Co., by

P. O. VICKERY, *President.*
TREBY JOHNSON, *Treasurer.*

LEASE FROM AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY TO CITY OF AUGUSTA.

THIS INDENTURE, made the fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-five, by and between the AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY, a corporation established by law and located at said Augusta, and the CITY OF AUGUSTA, a municipal corporation—

[The lease is then identical in language with the lease from the city to the company (see *supra*) down to the clause ending, "and said company, as required by item eleventh of said contract, has begun construction thereunder," and then continues—]

and

WHEREAS, With the delivery of this indenture, the parties hereto have interchangeably executed and delivered, each to the other, the lease required by item second of said contract,—

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and agreements in said contract and lease contained, and of other considerations, each to the other moving, and of the sum of one dollar, this day paid to the said company by the said city, the receipt whereof is by the said company hereby acknowledged, the said AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY does hereby lease, demise and let unto the said CITY OF AUGUSTA, its successors and assigns, the following parcels of real estate, together with all buildings that may be hereafter erected thereon, situate in said Augusta, on the east side of the Kennebec river, and described as follows :

First. A parcel bounded on the west by the Kennebec river, on the south by the Kennebec bridge and highway, on the east and north by the second parcel hereinafter described, excepting therefrom so much of said parcel as may be necessary to straighten and widen the northerly sidewalk of the easterly approach to said bridge.

Second. A parcel on the north side of Cony street, bounded as follows : Beginning in the north line of said Cony street, at the southeast corner of the Toll House lot ; thence running easterly in the north line of said Cony street fifty-nine feet and three inches to the building occupied as a laundry ; thence running northerly at right angles with the north line of said Cony street sixty-five feet ; thence running easterly at right angles, ten feet ; thence running northerly at right angles, seventy-one feet ; thence running westerly at right angles, to Kennebec river ; thence running southerly by said river to said Toll House lot ; thence running easterly and southerly by said Toll House lot to the point of beginning.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, for the term of ninety-nine years from the date hereof, yielding and paying therefor the rent hereinafter agreed.

This lease is made and accepted upon the following further terms, covenants and agreements, viz. :

First. The said city covenants that it will, at its own expense, keep said building and equipment in good order and repair ; and that any part of its equipment requiring renewal, repair or replacement, shall be renewed, repaired or replaced at the sole expense of said city.

Second. The said city further covenants, it will constantly keep the said building and equipment insured against loss by fire or lightning, at its own expense, in some company or companies satisfactory to said AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY in the sum of forty-five thousand dollars. The said AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY, on its part, covenants, and the said city does agree, that in case of total or partial loss by fire or lightning, the said Building Company will repair or rebuild the same under plans and specifications to be furnished as in the aforesaid contract agreed, and the said city agrees that they shall be so furnished, *provided however*, in no event shall said company be so required to so expend any sum of money in excess of the insurance by it actually received, and the plans and specifications so to be furnished therefor shall be limited to said sum. Should said company receive any such insurance, and after completing the repairs or renewals so required by said city, have a balance thereof unexpended, it is mutually agreed that the aggregate cost, mentioned in said contract as above as theretofore fixed between the parties, shall be reduced accordingly.

Third. The said city further covenants that as a part of the rent to be paid hereunder, it will pay all taxes and assessments of every kind imposed or assessed by the State of Maine, county of Kennebec city of Augusta or any school district therein, or any governmental or municipal authority whatever against said company, upon its franchise, income or property, or upon the stock of said company, howsoever and by whomsoever levied, assessed or to be collected, and also all fees required of said company by any law to be hereafter paid, and the same, all and singular, the said city agrees that it will pay in part payment of and as a portion of its annual rental hereunder.

Fourth. In addition to the foregoing rentals, and by way of further rent hereunder, the said city covenants that it will pay to the said company an annual rental equal to four *per centum* upon the aggregate cost of said building and said land, as in said contract defined, said rental to be payable annually, and to begin when said building shall be ready for occupancy as required by the plans and specifications aforesaid.

Fifth. It is mutually agreed that the said city has the right at all times to sublet any part of the said premises, and the option to purchase from said company at any time after ten years from the date hereof, said company's land and buildings, hereby leased, at their aggregate cost, as in said contract defined and limited upon annual payments of five thousand dollars until said aggregate cost shall have been fully paid, and upon such payment in full, the said company covenants and agrees that it shall and will execute, acknowledge and deliver to the said city a good and sufficient deed of the said premises. It is mutually agreed that after one or more partial payments shall be so made, the annual rental of four *per centum* shall be reduced *pro rata*, and so on as such payments are made.

Sixth. The said city further covenants that, so long as any part of said building shall be used as an armory, all sums of money received from the State of Maine, or from any other source, by way of reimbursement to said city on account of its expense for any military body lawfully using

any part of said building, shall be set apart and used in part payment of the rent so to be paid thereafter.

Seventh. The said city further covenants that it will annually appropriate and set apart, as a fund to be used in part payment of the rent hereunder, a sum equal to the sums paid by said city during the fiscal year now last past, as a part of the current expenses of said city for the rent, use and maintenance of rooms for the city government, offices for city officers, armory, and for the same municipal uses and purposes as the proposed uses and purposes of the said building as hereinafter recited.

Eighth. The said city further covenants that all additional sums, if any, necessary to meet the annual rent hereunder shall be annually assessed like other city charges, and the sums to be assessed shall be set apart and appropriated to meet the rent hereunder as the same shall annually fall due, and that in the administration of the affairs of the said city, all rentals to be paid hereunder shall be treated in the same manner as other current annual expenses of said city.

Ninth. It is mutually agreed that in case of the destruction of said building by casualty other than by fire or lightning, this lease shall thereupon terminate, and all rent hereunder thereupon cease.

Tenth. The said city on its part, covenants and agrees that the building aforesaid shall be devoted to municipal purposes and shall be planned and used for offices of the various city officers, rooms for meetings of the city government, a municipal court room, an armory, and a hall to be primarily used for meetings of the legal voters of the city as permitted by the city charter, and for such uses as the purposes of the city may require.

Eleventh. It is mutually agreed that in no event shall any rentals be due hereunder or paid hereon except and until after said city shall have prior thereto received the use of said building for the municipal purposes aforesaid for the current year next preceding the day when such rent shall so fall due.

Twelfth. In case of any disagreement of any kind, or arising in any manner, upon application of either party hereto to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine after notice to the adverse party in writing, and hearing, his award thereon in writing shall be final and conclusive, and such award shall entitle the party receiving the same to the appropriate process, at law or in equity, to enforce the same. The fees and costs of such hearing shall be borne as said award may determine.

Thirteenth. The said lessor further covenants that the said city may select in said building a suitable office for the commissioner or keeper of the said Kennebec bridge, and may occupy the said office, free of rent, forever.

Fourteenth. The said lessor, on its part hereby covenants that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said lessee, its successors and assigns, having paid the rent herein reserved, and keeping and performing all other covenants and agreements by the said lessee to be kept and performed under the terms of this lease, peaceably and quietly to have, hold, use, occupy and enjoy all and singular the premises hereby demised with

the appurtenances for and during the term aforesaid, without any molestation whatsoever.

Fifteenth. The said lessor further covenants and agrees that it will make any further assurance or conveyance, which, at any time, may be found necessary to secure to said lessee the exercise of its rights, powers and privileges under this indenture according to its true intent and meaning; and will, at the request of said lessee, authorize and execute any instrument of conveyance of property, which, under the terms of the foregoing votes, the lessor is authorized to make, and will do any act required to be done in its corporate capacity, which may be necessary to enable the lessee to exercise the rights, powers and privileges authorized by the foregoing votes.

Sixteenth. The said lessee further covenants to quit and deliver up the premises to the lessor or its attorney, peaceably and quietly at the end of the term aforesaid, in as good order and condition, reasonable use and wearing thereof or inevitable accident accepted, as the same are when the occupancy of said lessee hereunder shall begin, and not to make or suffer any waste thereof; and the lessor may enter to expel the lessee, if it shall fail to pay the rent aforesaid, whether said rent be demanded or not, or it shall make or suffer any strip or waste thereof, or shall fail to quit and surrender the premises to the lessor at the end of the said term in manner aforesaid, or shall violate any of the covenants in this lease by said lessor to be performed; and the premises shall not be occupied during the said term, for any purpose usually denominated extra-hazardous as to fire by insurance companies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY has caused these presents, and a like instrument of even tenor and date herewith to be subscribed by P. O. Vickery, its president. and by Treby Johnson, its treasurer, who severally covenant that they are hereto duly authorized, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and the said CITY OF AUGUSTA has caused the same to be subscribed by Frederick Cony, Edwin C. Dudley, severally aldermen of said city. and by John V. Lane, A. W. Foster and Francisco D. Colburn, severally common councilmen of said city hereunto duly authorized by the votes aforesaid, and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed all on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

H. M. HEATH.

AUGUSTA CITY BUILDING COMPANY, by

P. O. VICKERY, *President.*

TREBY JOMNSON, *Treasurer.*

CITY OF AUGUSTA, by

L. S.	FREDERICK CONY, E. C. DUDLEY, CHAS. H. CUNNINGHAM, J. V. LANE. ANDREW W. FOSTER, FRANCISCO D. COLBURN,	}	Committee.
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Land and Rooms Hired by the City.

WARD ROOM, WARD 3. Concert hall has been occupied for this purpose; rent, \$5 for each election.

LAND ON BRIDGE STREET occupied by shed connected with Cushnoc engine and hose house; rent \$5 per year.

LAND ON GRANITE STREET occupied by stone crusher. Leased of John Martin; annual rent, \$20. The lease expired June 1, 1894.

LAND AT SOUTHWEST CORNER junction of Grove and State streets, occupied by the public travel. Leased of Charles Milliken to preserve rights of owner and prevent the acquiring title by occupancy as a public highway; annual rent, \$1.

LAND ON BANGOR STREET occupied by hose house of Pine Tree Hose Company. Hired of heirs of J. M. Webster; annual rent, \$12.

Let by the City.

BUILDING AND SCALES ON COMMERCIAL STREET, occupied by E. Stone & Co., under lease which expired September, 1894. I am not informed whether the lease was renewed—unofficially I understand that the lease was renewed.

I have submitted the leases of the City with the Augusta City Building Co. in full, for the reason that they contain important provisions difficult to present clearly in an abstract, and provisions which may at any time be required for reference. The length of time which they run also seems to justify the keeping of their provisions before the public by annually printing them in the city reports. I have ordered electrotypes of these leases, so that hereafter they may be printed annually without cost of composition.

Estimated Appropriations for 1898.

Abatements	750 00
Cemeteries	100 00
City Rooms and Buildings.....	3,000 00
Common Schools.....	8,421 60
Contingent.....	2,000 00
Cony High School.....	6,500 00
County Tax.....	9,208 23
Discounts.....	3,200 00
Fire Department.....	5,500 00
Highways, Eastern District	5,500 00
" Special, Western District.....	5,500 00
" Western District.....	5,000 00
" " " sweeping Water Street.....	450 00
Hydrants and Water.....	2,403 34
Interest	{ Coupons, \$13,180 00 } { On Trust Funds, 1,690 00 }
Kennebec Bridge.....	500 00
Lighting Streets.....	7,000 00
Lithgow Library.....	1,000 00
Memorial Day.....	200 00
New Streets.....	300 00
Park	270 00
Police	4,900 00
Printing and Advertising.....	1,500 00
Reduction of Debt.....	6,000 00
Salaries	12,000 00
School Buildings, repairs and insurance.....	300 00
Sewers	2,000 00
Snow Bills, Eastern District.....	2,605 28
" " Western "	3,019 75
State Tax.....	22,537 23
Stationery and Blank Books.....	700 00
Support of Insane. etc.....	2,500 00
Support of Poor	7,500 00
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	\$148,210 40

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL W. LANE,

City Auditor.

CITY GOVERNMENT, 1898-99.

MAYOR, J. MANCHESTER HAYNES.

CITY CLERK, LEWIS A. BURLEIGH.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ELMER E. PARKMAN, <i>President</i> .	LEWIS A. BURLEIGH, <i>Clerk</i> .
Ward 1—LEONARD D. CARVER.	Ward 5—EDWIN J. PHILBRICK.
2—ELMER E. PARKMAN.	6—FRANCISCO D. COLBURN.
3—MELVILLE SMITH.	7—J. HOWARD CHANDLER.
4—WILLIAM H. EDWARDS.	8—CHARLES W. BAILEY.

COMMON COUNCIL.

LEONARD H. DUDLEY, <i>President</i> .	CHARLES R. HALL, <i>Clerk</i> .
Ward 1—ALBERT A. NICHOLS.	Ward 5—CHARLES A. KNOWLES.
CHAS. E. STURTEVANT.	CHARLES F. FLETCHER.
Ward 2—FRANK R. WELLMAN.	Ward 6—J. A. SAVAGE.
BYRON BOYD.	FRED D. LYNN.
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DANIEL D. SEWALL.	ALBERT T. MURPHY.
WARD 4—ARTHUR E. PERCIVAL.	WARD 8—FRED G. DOE.
AUGUSTIN CARET.	ELMER E. KIMBALL.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Accounts—Aldermen Parkman and Colburn ; Councilmen Purinton, Sturtevant and Sewall.

Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks—Aldermen Carver and Chandler ; Councilmen Sewall, Kimball and Percival.

Finance—Aldermen Colburn and Smith ; Councilmen Boyd, Lynn and Murphy.

Schools—Aldermen Philbrick and Carver ; Councilmen Fletcher, Savage and Caret.

Police—Aldermen Philbrick and Bailey ; Councilmen Knowles, Sewall and Purinton.

Fire Department—Aldermen Chandler and Edwards ; Councilmen Murphy, Boyd and Wellman.

Printing—Aldermen Bailey and Colburn ; Councilmen Savage, Caret and Nichols.

Street Lights—Aldermen Smith and Edwards ; Councilmen Sturtevant, Murphy and Fletcher.

Bells and Clocks—Aldermen Philbrick and Bailey ; Councilmen Nichols, Doe and Knowles.

Burying Grounds—Aldermen Parkman and Smith ; Councilmen Caret, Kimball and Savage.

New Streets—Aldermen Carver and Parkman ; Councilmen Doe, Knowles and Percival.

Enrolled Ordinances—Aldermen Edwards and Chandler ; Councilmen Kimball, Percival and Nichols.

City Buildings—Aldermen Edwards and Bailey ; Councilmen Lynn, Boyd and Sturtevant.

Drains and Sewers—Aldermen Parkman and Carver ; Councilmen Wellman, Purinton and Lynn.

State Pensions—Aldermen Parkman and Colburn.

CITY OFFICERS.

Treasurer and Collector—James R. Townsend.

City Marshal—Henry T. Morse.

Street Commissioner, Western District—Columbus Cottle.

Street Commissioner, Eastern District—Charles Sylvester.

City Solicitor—Thomas Leigh, Jr.

City Auditor—Samuel W. Lane.

Inspector of Buildings—J. M. Nichols.

Street Engineer—W. B. Getchell.

Overser of Poor—G. A. Robertson, (March, 1900).

Superintendent of City Farm and Pound Keeper—Frank P. Huntley.

Assessors—Charles W. Jones, 1 year; Clarence B. Burleigh, 2 years; Joseph H. Wall, 3 years.

Assistant Assessors—J. S. Little, Wards 1 and 2; William H. Getchell, Ward 3; L. A. Dyer, Ward 4; Wm. S. Knowles, Ward 5; F. L. Farrington, Wards 6 and 7; D. B. Savage, Ward 8.

Board of Registration—A. S. Bangs, Chairman, (Rep.), May 9, 1899; L. A. Dyer (Rep.), May 1, 1899; S. S. Lancaster (Dem.), May 1, 1899.

Superintendent of Schools—Mrs. Caroline S. Fogg.

Superintending School Committee—Lendall Titcomb, 1 year; Melvin S. Holway, 2 years; A. D. Russell, 3 years.

Committee on High School—Joseph H. Manley, (a trustee of Cony Female Academy), Charles E. Nash (a director of Village School District), and Superintending School Committee:

City Physician—O. C. S. Davies, M. D.

Health Officer—G. M. Randall, M. D.

Board of Health—J. E. Tuell, M. D., 1 year; G. M. Randall, M. D., (Chairman and Secretary), 2 years; W. H. Harris, M. D., 3 years.

Inspector of Kennebec Bridge—Moses R. Leighton.

Sanitary Inspector—E. R. Bean.

Superintendent of Burials—Charles O. Tibbetts.

Sub-registrars to Issue Burial Permits—Charles O. Tibbetts, Manning S. Campbell.

Keeper of City Clocks—Guy O. Vickery.

Bell Ringer—Baker Weston.

Driver of City Team—Alexander McCausland.

Keeper of Kennebec Bridge—Parker N. Savage.

Keeper of Steamer Cushnoc—Frank I. Clark.

Janitor of City Building—James A. Jones.

Regular Police for 1898-9—Charles E. Grover (Deputy Marshal), William A. Ward, John S. McDonald, Frank E. Chase, Charles A. Miron, Judson G. Knight.

Special Policemen—William L. Thompson, Lorenzo G. Haskell, Ethel H. Jones, T. Frank Winter, Charles E. Haskell, Horace B. Cony, Henry Griffiths, Amasa M. Bennett, Elbridge Pedder, William S. Kittredge, Elbridge E. Lehr, James A. Jones, Frederick A. Brann, James Smith, Alfred B. Perkins, Joseph Ricker, Frank W. Chadwick, Charles W. Ricker, William H. Rackliff, Kervin R. Hanks, Joseph Pelletier, Louis Butler, James E. Marson, Edward A. Weston, Frank V. Maxwell, William M. Harvey, James J. Fee,

S. A. Thurston, W. F. Spear, W. S. Knowles, Axel Boardway, Arthur Hodgkins.

Truant Officers—Charles E. Grover, William A. Ward, John S. McDonald, Frank E. Chase, Charle A. Miron, Judson G. Knight, Levi Whitcomb, J. A. Jones, Stephen A. Thurston.

Fence Viewers—G. A. Cony, Wellman Curtis, F. W. Ellis, A. D. Townsend, F. H. Chadwick, George W. Carleton, I. M. Sherman, W. F. Walker, Jesse Ballard, G. A. Robertson, Roscoe Penney.

Weighers of Ice—Fred B. Hill, E. Whitman, Henry Hayes, M. S. Campbell, O. O. Stetson, H. B. Cony.

Surveyors of Lumber—J. B. Shaw, J. W. Glidden, E. H. Jones, C. E. Morrill, Sumner Barton, J. C. Webber, C. A. Knowles, G. W. Hanks, W. H. Pierce, Abner Coombs, A. H. Lyon, J. A. Jones, O. E. Cummings, F. D. Colburn, F. W. Ellis, Abram Coombs, W. H. Bruce, Smith S. Randall, William W. Jackson, George A. Colburn, Arthur Lishness, I. H. Randall, Freeman Barker, Charles E. Purinton, F. B. Purinton, Harry T. Gilman, Henry Lyon, John E. Church, D. E. Foster.

Surveyors of Wood, Stone and Bark—B. Gardiner, Henry Lyon, W. G. Fifield, Cyrenus Ballard, A. M. Brann, C. W. Stone, S. B. Cross, S. B. Worthley, W. F. Percival, C. A. Knowles, W. W. Jackson, A. Woodman, J. B. Shaw, G. W. Hanks, G. F. Perry, W. H. Bruce, T. E. Bartlett, C. R. Hall, M. S. Campbell, I. H. Randall, E. H. Jones, Sumner Barton, W. A. Hanks, Daniel E. Foster, A. P. Saben, H. B. Cony, F. B. Purinton, C. E. Purinton, J. E. Church, D. S. Young, B. H. Weston, F. B. Smith, Henry T. Clark, R. E. Packard, George M. Bean, Josiah A. Norton.

Sealers of Leather—George F. Hawes, Fred L. Hersey, Sumner Pullen, Fred W. Chase, Henry S. Haskell.

WARD OFFICERS.

Ward 1—Warden, James S. Little; Clerk, Charles E. Hoxie; Election Clerks, O. O. Stetson, Rep., E. G. Storer, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, E. E. Abbott, Rep., Geo. W. Ryan, Dem.

Ward 2—Warden, ———*; Ward Clerk, Charles J. House; Election Clerks, Oscar Groves, Rep., Levi T. Williams, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, A. D. Russell, Rep., Geo. C. Sheldon, Dem.

Ward 3—Warden, Ethel H. Jones; Ward Clerk, Williams B. Getchell; Election Clerks, Charles A. Wadsworth, Rep., Clarence E. Tibbetts, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, Albion E. Barbour, Rep., Frank S. Martin, Dem.

Ward 4—Warden, James E. Kingsley; Ward Clerk, Frank B. Haskell; Election Clerks, Will L. B. Chase, Rep.; Raymond Michaud, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, Joseph E. Jobber, Rep., George S. Jones, Dem.

Ward 5—Warden, Fred E. Garland; Ward Clerk, Charles B. Philbrick; Election Clerks, Charles T. Miller, Rep., George B. Fisher, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, George M. Bean, Rep., Jesse V. Ballard, Dem.

Ward 6—Warden, Adelbert A. Clark; Ward Clerk, Levi Whitcomb; Election Clerks, Chester L. Noyes, Rep., Charles E. Pratt, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, J. A. Woodard, Rep., Joseph Sawyer, Dem.

Ward 7—Warden, Edwin H. Gay; Ward Clerk, Wm. G. Haskell; Election Clerks, Manson W. Dennis, Rep., William J. Skehan, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, Columbus Churchill, Rep., A. B. Hodgkins, Dem.

Ward 8—Warden, Charles A. Spaulding; Ward Clerk, Paul V. Brown; Election Clerks, Eugene B. Stackpole, Rep., Luther W. Humphrey, Dem.; Ballot Clerks, Henry A. Rand, Rep., Will A. Hanks, Dem.

*Lorenzo B. Hill who was elected Warden of Ward 2 on March 14, 1898 vacated the office by the acceptance of the position of Postmaster at Togus, Maine.

TRUSTEES OF LITHGOW LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

James W. Bradbury, (representing the Lithgow bequest), President.
J. Manchester Haynes, Mayor, (*ex-officio*).

John F. Hill,	Term expires March, 1899
Joseph H. Manley,	“ “ “
Oscar Holway,	“ “ “
Thomas J. Lynch,	“ “ “
J. Manchester Haynes,	“ “ 1900
Lendall Titcomb,	“ “ “
Benjamin F. Parrott,	“ “ “
James W. North,	“ “ “
Leslie C. Cornish, (Secretary),	“ “ 1901
Charles E. Nash,	“ “ “
Richard E. Goodwin, (Treasurer),	“ “ “
John W. Chase,	“ “ “

SCHOOL REPORTS

OF THE

CITY OF AUGUSTA

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1898.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta :

The superintending School Committee have the honor to present their report for the year 1897-8.

The whole number of Suburban Schools which have been kept during the past year is twelve, but for a portion of the year but eleven schools were maintained. The Church Hill School was discontinued on account of small attendance and the pupils were transferred to the North Parish School. For the same reason the committee were forced to discontinue the Cony School, the children from that district being carried to the Ballard School. The policy of discontinuing schools where the attendance is so small as to render it impossible to maintain a profitable school and transferring the pupils from such discontinued school to a neighboring district has been continued. The good effects of this policy, in the opinion of the committee, grow more and more apparent the longer the system is tried.

It is impossible to maintain the same interest in the pupils where there is but a single one in the class, and the scholars lose the advantage of the momentum of the whole class progress. The committee believe however that this plan of transferring pupils should always be with regard to the welfare of all the pupils and in some cases where the committee might feel a consolidation of schools would be advantageous, the tender age of the scholars in some school may render it inadvisable to take them away from home for the entire day without the opportunity of their parents' oversight at noon ; but the plan within proper limits the committee believe is to be commended both on account of its advantage to the pupils and the economy for the city.

The Wellman School had to be discontinued for a while on account of illness of the teacher. The committee however plan at a suitable time to give additional weeks to this school so that the school may have the benefit of a full school year of thirty-six weeks. While the attendance in many of the schools has been good and very satisfactory, in some sections the efforts of the committee and superin-

tendent to obtain a general attendance have been met with slight aid on the part of some parents.

We have to repeat complaints that have been made in previous years about the lack of interest of some of the parents in the education of their own children. We have made every effort and have been seconded by the efforts of the teachers to enforce general attendance and to discourage absences and tardiness. We feel that our efforts have not been without reward and look to see the coming year a still larger average attendance.

The school year of the Suburban Schools is now thirty-six weeks, the same as within the village district and the Williams' District and the same as the Cony High School. The committee are ambitious to have the Suburban Schools give pupils as good a preparation for the High School as any of the schools which contribute to the High School, and to give to those who are unable to take the High School course an education laid out on the most useful and practical lines. To this end of course the qualifications and capacity of the teachers must be strictly considered. The greater part of our teachers in the Suburban Schools are teachers of a high order and deserve commendation and loyal support at the hands of the committee. There are some whose fitness for the high position of teacher of youth is below what is necessary. While there is always a pressure by friends to retain a teacher the committee believe that the welfare of the school itself is the single standard to be regarded in the assignment of teachers.

The assignment of teachers the past year has been as follows :

Ballard School—Sarah A. Sawyer, M. Zoe Peterson.

Bolton Hill School—Viola M. Mosher, Phronie S. Knowles.

Brackett School—Jennie E. Lord.

Church Hill School—Clara A. Bennett.

Cony School—M. Zoe Peterson.

Fletcher School—Alice E. Leighton.

Hewins School—Addie Dana Hanks.

Howard School—Emma S. Dana.

Jewett School—Carrie V. Johnson.

North Parish School—Una Brann, Clara A. Bennett, Marion Jones.

Spaulding School—Winnefred E. Merrill, Marion Jones.

Stone School—Amy E. Sturtevant.

Wellman School—Gertrude Tibbetts.

Early in the year Rev. J. M. Wyman, who for several years had rendered very valuable services as committee-man and Superintendent resigned as a member of the superintending school committee. The vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. Melvin S. Holway.

The committee elected as Supervisor Mrs. E. S. Fogg, and we are glad to testify to the zeal, interest and ability with which she has performed the duties of the office. Her long experience as a teacher, in the opinion of the committee, gave her special qualifications for the position and her work during the year satisfies the committee that their great confidence in her was not misplaced, and we call attention to her report which is submitted herewith.

For detailed report of expenditures on account of the common schools we refer you to the report of the Auditor. We know no reason to lead us to think the necessary expenditures for the ensuing year will vary materially from those of the year just closed.

We add tables showing the attendance at the different schools for the three terms of the year just passed.

LENDALL TITCOMB,
A. D. RUSSELL,
MELVIN S. HOLWAY.

Table Showing Statistics for the Year 1897-98.

SCHOOLS.	SPRING TERM.			FALL TERM.			WINTER TERM.			Per cent. of Attendance.	Average No. of Tardiness.	Average No. not absent one-half day.
	Whole Number.	Av'ge Attendance.	No. of Tardiness.	Whole Number.	Av'ge Attendance.	No. of Tardiness.	Whole Number.	Av'ge Attendance.	No. of Tardiness.			
Ballard School.....	11	8		11	9 9-14	3	16	12 2-3	22	79 3-4	12 1-2	4 1-2
Bolton Hill School.....	38	34.6	8	32	26	33	28	23 1-3	11	85 3-4	17 1-3	5 1-3
Brackett School.....	29	24	3	32	27	14	30	27	12	84 3-5	9 2-3	2 1-3
Church Hill School.....	11	8.7	3	6	4.3	5				76 8-17	6.5	4
Cony School.....	12	10.5	21							87 1-2	21	
Fletcher School.....	15	11	32	13	11.6	70	11	9.3	13	82 1-3	38 1-3	2 2-3
Hewins School.....	24	21 1-8	25	25	23	15	21	15	20	82 3-7	16 2-3	5
Howard School.....	27	21	12	24	18	10	19	15	20	77 2-9	14	5 1-3
Jewett School.....	11	9.25	7	12	10	2	12	10	4	83 4-9	4 1-3	3 2-3
North Parish School.....	13	9	54	14	11.5	69	17	7.6	36	65 1-5	53	2 2-3
Spaulding School.....	23	17.5	24	25	20.1	32	23	19	14	79 2-3	23 1-3	6
Stone School.....	24	19	26	25	20	26	23	18.3	65	79 5-9	31	2
Wellman School.....	11	8	4	12	8	3	7	3	1	63 1-3	2 1-3	

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Gentlemen of the Superintending School Committee:

One year ago you gave into my hands the supervision of the schools under your charge, and I hereby submit to you my first annual report.

The duties of the year have been, to some extent, new to me, and I gratefully acknowledge the aid given me by your counsel and co-operation in my work.

The first matter to receive especial care, was that of attendance. This subject is a very important one and one in which the ideal condition can only be reached when teacher and parent are working together.

On my first visit to the schools, I carefully compared the census of scholars of school age with the list of pupils registered, and as far as possible looked after each one whose absence was not satisfactorily explained. In some cases children were thus induced to attend school who would otherwise have remained at home. There are others upon whom I have called two, three and four times, who, while they would promise well, have been present but a few days or weeks for the year. This is the fault of parents who do not see the importance of a right education for their children. Formerly, if the parent was so lost to the best interests of his children that through indifference or poverty he allowed them to grow up in illiteracy, it was considered their misfortune and that of the community in which they were, and nothing was done about it; but now the State steps in and puts her protecting arm around the child, saying to the parent who is so unfit to care for his children, that she is spending her money without stint for good schools and to make honest and worthy citizens, and has made laws compelling attendance. It seems to me that neither this nor any other law of our State should be violated with impunity, and that such persons should be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

In the Brackett school the children were walking, some of them, a distance of two miles or more, and many times in stormy weather it was quite impossible for them to be present. With your approval I engaged some one to carry the pupils on days when it would be

unsuitable for them to walk. The result of this has been that during the last winter term, the most unfavorable for many years, although it has been sometimes impossible for the team to get through, the attendance in proportion to the number of pupils registered has been 73 per cent. better than that of the spring term of the same length, the most favorable in the year.

The complaint is sometimes made that the expense of carrying pupils is very great, as indeed it is. Some one has said, "He who opens a school closes a prison," and the State can better afford to expend money on her schools than on her penal institutions.

SCHOOL HOUSES AND GROUNDS.

Some of our school houses are in good condition and compare favorably with rural school buildings in other towns, but in many of them quite extensive repairs are needed. At my request you have changed a part of the seats in the North Parish school, so that the children can sit at them without injuring their eyes or deforming their bodies. The remaining desks should be changed as there is always a tendency among children to choose the back seats, and these are entirely unsuitable for them.

The school grounds ought to receive more attention. Some of the buildings are in low clayey soil, with no walk or steps from the road and gutter, so that the mud must be carried into the school room, not merely giving it an untidy appearance, but endangering the health of the pupils. These grounds ought to be graded and made suitable for the children. A few of the buildings are so situated that they suffer but little inconvenience from mud, but the grounds of these might, with very little expense, be made far more pleasant and thus help to cultivate the love of order and beauty which is an essential part of every child's education.

All the schools have been furnished with flags, but in only two or three have I seen them displayed outside during the year. For them to be draped in the school room often covered with dust, does not tend to teach the lessons of patriotism intended. The flagstaves should be repaired and whatever is necessary done, so that our beautiful flag may float over every school each day of its session.

SCHOOL FURNISHINGS.

The blackboards in many of our schools are insufficient and many of them very poor. In the Howard school there are excellent boards, perhaps the best we have, but unfortunately out of the

children's reach, that is, they are too high for the convenience of even the oldest pupils. They should be lowered or some remedy found for this defect.

New maps are much needed. There are fairly good maps of the United States but those of other countries are poor or lacking entirely. Dissected maps and other "Busy Work" for the little ones would be very helpful. We need also some supplementary reading for the lower grades. Almost none at all has been purchased this year.

The grammars are unsatisfactory. In the old times we took "Grammar" and took it straight, and many a scholar who would murder the king's English and to whom the writing of a composition was the "*bête noire*" of school life, could parse with ease the most difficult passages from Milton's *Paradise Lost*, or Thomson's seasons. Now, I fear, there is a tendency to the other extreme, and we teach too little technical grammar. With the grammars in present use I found it very difficult to do good work in my own school, and this complaint is general among the teachers. Already the change has been made in our city schools.

Vertical writing introduced one or two years ago has come to stay and it is really surprising to see the excellent writing of some of the youngest pupils.

The resignation of Miss Bean at the beginning of the year left her work as well as that of the Superintendent in my hands. The teachers' meetings have been continued through the year and have been helpful to all. Every teacher is expected to be present at each meeting. Ten copies of the Normal Instructor are taken by our teachers.

The work of the year has been a pleasant one, and I have felt a constantly deepening interest in the schools and in the children personally. I have found the teachers earnest and faithful in their duties and for the most part doing excellent work in their schools. The fact that no change of teachers has been made except in the Stone school, and in cases where the union of two schools made it necessary, has been most helpful.

I am inclined to think that the personality of the teacher is nowhere so potent for good or ill as in our rural schools. Said Arnold, "What I want (for a teacher) is a man who is a Christian and a gentleman, and one who has common sense and understands boys. * * * If one must give way, I prefer activity of mind and an interest in his work to high scholarship; for the one may be

acquired far more easily than the other." Nor ought we to forget these golden words of Dean Stanley, referring to Arnold himself: "The lapse of years has only served to deepen in me the conviction that no gift can be more valuable than the recollection and inspiration of a great character working upon our own."

Much more attention is given now than formerly to "child study." The duty of the teacher is not merely to impart facts and what can be learned from books, but most of all character building. She has given her material, more or less crude, of which to form the ideal man or woman. We sometimes hear the remark, "Nothing can be made of that boy or girl." I have read somewhere of a beautiful cathedral that was in process of building, and finally it was all finished save one window which was to surpass all the rest in beauty. The master builder sought in vain for some design beautiful enough for this, until at last one of the workmen brought a window which he had made from bits of glass thrown away by the rest. This alone was found worthy to fill the place. May it not be true that these children, in every one of whom are wonderful possibilities, may be so prepared and polished by our hands that they may be considered worthy of an honored place in the temple of the great Master-builder?

Last fall, our schools commenced one week earlier than the city schools that by we might lengthen the spring vacation, yet an additional week was found necessary on account of the bad traveling. Would it not be well to begin school as early as the first Monday in September, and thus have a longer vacation in the spring?

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE S. FOGG.

CONY FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Augusta:

The undersigned committee on Cony High School have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1897-8.

The committee are happy in being able to report that the past year has been a very profitable one for the school. The administration of the school as far as teachers are concerned has been as follows:

Mr. C. F. Cook.....	Principal
Mr. Allen Quimby.....	Sub-principal
Miss Alice S. Reynolds.....	First-Assistant
Miss Elizabeth W. Gerrish.....	Second-Assistant
Miss Ethel E. Farr.....	Third-Assistant
Miss Melvina V. Parker.....	Fourth-Assistant

It has been the policy of the Board to disapprove of frequent changes of text books and almost no changes have been made during the past year, but the committee have found it necessary to make quite extensive repairs, for sanitary reasons, on the plumbing of the building, which is now, the committee believe, in perfect sanitary condition.

Upon the suggestion of the Principal, Mr. Cook, the Board have adopted a new system of ranking for the pupils of this school by which their rank depends more upon the daily work and less upon the hazard of an examination. The committee believe that this system tends to make prominent the importance of the daily work of the pupil and discourages a habit of carelessness or omission with the idea of recovering the loss by cramming for an examination. This system has been in use now long enough to show the wisdom of its adoption and the work of the pupils under the stimulus of this exact credit on the ranking list has shown marked improvement and a more faithful application to the school course.

The last graduating class numbered twenty-two, as follows :

William E. Barrows, Jr.	Willard Herbert Parsons,
Georgia N. Clark,	Edith Kimball Partridge,
Lizzie Louise Craig,	Lee Y. Rollins,
Arthur Garfield Curtis,	Eleanor Marie Sampson,
Charles Eastman Downing,	Warren Bigelow Sanborn,
Edythe May Fuller,	Roland Allen Scribner,
Annie Estelle Hanks,	Lillian Blanche Shaw,
Marion Heath,	Miriam Titcomb,
Mary Eloise Humphrey,	Sara Marie Weeks,
Marion Harriet Jones,	Ernest Lee Wellman,
Bertha May Murphy,	Florence Alice Young.

The committee submit herewith the report of the Principal and would call attention to Mr. Cook's explanation of the change in ranking which we have spoken of above.

The committee are glad to be able to say that the teachers are entitled to praise for their painstaking and capable work and we know that it is due to their efforts that the pupils have taken so much pride in the school.

The necessary expenses of the school for the ensuing year have been carefully considered by the committee and they make the following estimate :

Salaries of teachers.....	\$4,600 00
Janitor's services.....	300 00
Fuel and light.....	600 00
Text books.....	250 00
School apparatus, supplies and repairs.....	600 00
Total	<u>\$6,350 00</u>

We add a tabular list of the course of study for the Cony High School.

YEAR.	COLLEGE.	CLASSICAL.	ENGLISH.
FIRST.	Latin. Algebra. English.* Roman History.† English Selections.	Latin. Algebra. English.* Roman History.† English Selections.	Algebra. English* Roman History.† Physical Geography.* Botany.† English Selections.
SECOND.	Greek. Latin. Geometry. Rhetoric.* Greek History.† English Selections.	Latin. Geometry. Physics. Rhetoric.* Greek History.† English Selections.	Geometry. Physics. Rhetoric. Greek History.† Book Keeping.* English Selections.
THIRD.	Greek. Latin. French. College Readings.	Latin. French. English Literature. English History.* Civil Government.†	French. English Literature. English History.* Civil Government.† Arithmetic.* Astronomy.†
FOURTH.	Greek. Latin. Algebra.* Geometry.† College Readings.	Latin. French. Chemistry.* Geology.† English Literature.†	German or Mathematics. French. Chemistry.* Geology.† English Literature.†
* First Half. † Second Half.			

Rhetorical work required of all students.

Classes may be combined for recitation when advantageous.

JOSEPH H. MANLEY,
CHAS. E. NASH,
A. D. RUSSELL,
LENDALL TITCOMB,
MELVIN S. HOLWAY.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

To the Board of Directors of Cony High School:

GENTLEMEN: The year which has elapsed since my last report may justly be called a successful one both in the attendance of scholars and in the character of work done. The following table gives a statement of the registration and attendance of pupils during the three terms:

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Largest enrollment.....	136	153	139
Smallest "	134	149	133
Average "	135	151	136
Per cent. actual attendance.....	94	97	95

This gives an average enrollment for the year of one hundred and forty pupils and an actual attendance of ninety-five per cent. The size of the different classes at the close of the winter term is shown by this table:

	1ST.	2ND.	3RD.	4TH.	POST GRADUATE & SPECIAL.	TOTAL.
Boys,	11	11	17	22	1	62
Girls,	8	19	20	22	2	71
Total,	19	30	37	44	3	133

Substantial additions have been made to the library during the past year. In the last report mention was made of the fact that twenty-five dollars were in the hands of the Library Committee, appropriated by the High School Assembly. Books purchased by this money were placed in the library during the spring term and in June fifty dollars more were given to the committee. This has been expended, increasing the number of new books to over eighty volumes. There are now in the library over four hundred volumes in constant use in connection with the various classes. This does not include the text books, dictionaries, and the cyclopedias which

are also in the school, but refers to the books purchased, mainly, by the Assembly.

In the spring term the class of 1900 presented to the school a bust of Washington. This has been placed in the main room down stairs and adds much to the attractiveness of the building. In addition to this, also, a small mantel clock has been given to the school by the Assembly and portraits of Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, and Tyndall, presented by Mr. Lendall Titcomb, have been hung in the upper hall. At the beginning of the fall term a radical change was made in the method of ranking and promotion, which has been incorporated in the regulations of the High School. This was done because of a desire to place more emphasis upon the daily work rather than to have promotion depend entirely upon successfully passing the term examinations. Requiring monthly tests in each subject secures frequent reviews by the student without taking extra time from the advance recitations. The term examination in any subject counts, approximately, for one-fourth of the term rank. Every inducement is thus given to secure good daily work not only because it offers a fairer means of estimating a student's ability, but, also, because it tends to strengthen habits of application and perseverance which are invaluable to the student. It is from the steady work done each day that the greatest benefits are derived. It is the aim of the school to base promotion and graduation on such conditions that the diploma of the school will be regarded as an honorable prize, to be won only by honest effort, and yet fairly within the reach of each student in school.

Only such changes in the course of studies have been recommended as seem to make the work of instruction more satisfactory with the conditions under which it must be given. In carrying out the three courses of study included in the curriculum many difficulties are encountered which, frequently, can only be partially overcome. In spite of this the work in each department has been very efficient and is steadily increasing in value. There is manifest on the part of the school a feeling of cordial sympathy which is very gratifying and encouraging. Pride in the school, in its achievements, its standing, and its possibilities, not only is proper but augurs well for its prosperity in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. COOK.

WILLIAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of the Williams School District :

We herewith submit the sixteenth annual report of the Williams School District, with a detailed statement of J. R. Townsend, Treasurer and Collector, showing the disbursements for the year ending March 31, 1898, and also a statement of the City Auditor as to the financial standing of the District as it existed on the 31st day of March, 1898. The Treasurer's report is as follows :

COLLECTOR'S REPORT. APRIL 4, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Williams School District :

I submit the following statement of my account as Collector for the year ending March 31, 1898.

TAXES OF 1895.

Balance due April 1, 1897.....		\$92 84
Cash collections.....	\$5 52	
Abated by Assessors.....	10 06	
Discount by Directors in settlement.....	52 26	
Paid by Collector.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$92 84

TAXES OF 1896.

Balance due April 1, 1897.....		\$1,026 40
Cash collections.....	439 36	
Abated by Assessors.....	54 21	
Non-resident tax deeds.....	23	
	<hr/>	\$493 80
Balance uncollected April 1, 1898...		<hr/> \$532 60

TAXES OF 1897.

Committed June 14, 1897.....	\$4,393 54	
“ supplementary.....	12 55	
	<u> </u>	\$4,406 09
Cash collections.....	\$3,375 16	
Abated by Assessors.....	26 04	
	<u> </u>	\$3,401 20
Balance uncollected April 1, 1898...		\$1,004 89

NOTE.—Included in the balance of uncollected taxes of 1896 and 1897, are the following amounts, the payment of which is subject to a pending decision of the Supreme Court:

Taxes of 1896.....	\$498 52	
“ 1897.....	429 54	
	<u> </u>	\$928 06

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. TOWNSEND, *Collector.*

TREASURER'S REPORT. APRIL 4, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the Williams School District:

I submit the following statement of my account as Treasurer for the year ending March 31, 1898.

WILLIAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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Balance April 1, 1897.....	784 44	
City appropriation, apportionment.....	1,257 08	
State school fund	1,073 65	
District tax. Total commitment.....	4,406 09	
Rent Middle St. school house.....	\$21 00	
“ School “ “ “	51 00	
	<u> </u>	\$72 00
Tuition, Hospital school pupils....	\$125 00	
“ Sundry “ “	23 31	
	<u> </u>	\$148 31
Total credits.....	<u> </u>	\$7,741 57
Total disbursements.....		5,975 53
		<u> </u>
Balance of credit April 1, 1898.....		\$1,766 04

DISBURSEMENTS IN DETAIL.

1897.

April 1, O. H. Smith.....	\$18 50	
8, Levi Whitcomb.....	30 00	
30, Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
	<hr/>	\$159 61
May 1, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	32 00	
Bertha M. Hamblen.....	36 00	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
Effie L. Savage.....	36 00	
O. H. Smith.....	13 00	
10, J. Frank Pierce.....	66 22	
11, Smith & Reid.....	8 65	
28, Augusta Savings Bank.....	125 00	
29, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	32 00	
Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
Effie L. Savage.....	36 00	
Levi Whitcomb.....	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$732 98
June 3, O. H. Smith.....	14 35	
5, Bertha M. Hamblen.....	36 00	
14, Maine Central R. R. Co.....	4 56	
15, Augusta Water Co.....	62 50	
17, Weston Lewis.....	83 34	
Effie L. Savage.....	27 00	
Board of Assessors.....	50 00	
18, Mabel W. Gould.....	24 00	
19, Stella E. Barton.....	30 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	30 00	
" " ".....	40 00	
Gussie T. Libby.....	27 00	
23, Badger & Manley.....	36 25	
24, Bertha M. Hamblen.....	27 00	
O. H. Smith.....	12 75	
	<hr/>	\$504 75

July 14, Frederick Cony.....	19 25	
15, R. W. Soule.....	1 50	
31, Augusta Savings Bank.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$95 75
Aug. 17, E. Stone & Co.....	266 95	
28, Nathaniel Noyes & Son.....	191 80	
	<hr/>	\$458 75
Sept. 1, J. R. Townsend.....	31 42	
Ann M. Williams.....	550 00	
10, Beal & Daniels	52 00	
13, C. H. Blackington.....	1 47	
22, Bangs Bros.....	2 00	
Levi Whitcomb.....	91 50	
24, Geo. Ricker.....	1 75	
27, Malcolm & Dyer.....	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$738 64
Oct. 1, O. H. Smith.....	8 75	
2, Morrill Young.....	1 00	
12, Levi Whitcomb.....	52 85	
15, Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
16, Effie L. Booker.....	36 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	36 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	32 00	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
Purinton Bros.....	2 50	
18, Maine Central R. R. Co.....	1 11	
23, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
28, J. Frank Pierce.....	185 44	
	<hr/>	\$582 76
Nov. 1, O. H. Smith.....	13 50	
11, J. R. Townsend.....	20 16	
12, Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
13, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
Effie L. Booker.....	36 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	36 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	32 00	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	

Nov. 24, Thos. Farnham	9 50	
29, Augusta Savings Bank.....	125 00	
30, B. D. Robinson.....	11 85	
	<hr/>	\$511 12

Dec. 1, O. H. Smith.....	13 25	
11, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
Mrs. Effie L. Booker.....	36 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	32 00	
Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
13, Mabel W. Gould.....	36 00	
16, Frederick Cony.....	11 16	
17, Taber, Carey & Reid.....	9 57	
18, Stella E. Barton.....	10 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	8 00	
Weston Lewis.....	27 78	
20, Gussie T. Libby.....	9 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	9 00	
21, Mrs. Effie L. Booker.....	9 00	
Levi Whitcomb.....	76 00	
27, Lottie M. Farrington.....	10 00	
31, Augusta Water Co.....	62 50	
	<hr/>	\$586 32

1898.

Jan. 3, O. H. Smith.....	13 00	
14, Purinton Bros.....	2 50	
24, J. Frank Pierce.....	157 91	
25, Augusta Savings Bank.....	75 00	
29, Mrs. Effie L. Booker.....	36 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	36 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	32 00	
Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$539 52

Feb. 2, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
J. H. Chandler.....	3 10	
O. H. Smith.....	14 00	
4, A. D. Ward.....	4 88	

Feb. 18, Swift & Turner.....	2 70	
25, Malcolm & Dyer.....	1 00	
26, Mrs. Effie L. Booker.....	36 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	36 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	32 00	
Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
28, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$396 79
Mar. 1, O. H. Smith.....	12 00	
3, Malcolm & Dyer.....	12 56	
Ann M. Williams.....	37 50	
5, Levi Whitcomb.....	118 25	
18, H. T. Humphrey.....	20 00	
26, Stella E. Barton.....	40 00	
Lottie M. Farrington.....	40 00	
Mabel W. Gould.....	36 00	
Annie E. Hanks.....	32 00	
Weston Lewis.....	111 11	
Gussie T. Libby.....	36 00	
28, Mrs. Effie L. Booker.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$513 42

ABATEMENTS BY ASSESSORS OF 1897.

Taxes of 1893.....	12 50	
" " 1895.....	10 06	
" " 1896.....	54 21	
" " 1897.....	26 04	
Discount by Directors.....	52 26	
	<hr/>	\$155 07
Total disbursements.....		<hr/> \$5,975 53

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. TOWNSEND, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing statement and find the same correct and agreeing with the accounts of the City Auditor.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *City Auditor.*

April 5, 1898.

To the Directors of the Williams School District:

Agreeably to your request I submit the following statement of account of the City of Augusta with the Williams School District as appears from the accounts of the City Auditor, April 1, 1897 to April 1, 1898.

WILLIAMS SCHOOL DISTRICT, DR.

To paid sundry bills approved by the Directors as follows:

Teachers' salaries.....	\$2,962 00	
Janitors' services.....	522 60	
Fuel.....	313 95	
Apparatus and supplies.....	413 74	
Furniture.....	53 50	
Repairs.....	241 51	
District Debt.....	500 00	
Interest on debt.....	487 50	
Miscellaneous items.....	325 66	
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		\$5,820 46

Abatements:

Taxes of 1893....	12 50	
1895.....	10 06	
1896.....	54 21	
1897.....	26 04	
Discount on settlement taxes 1895.....	52 26	
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		155 07

Balance April 1, 1898..... 1,766 04

\$7,741 57

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Balance account April 1, 1897.....		\$784 44
Taxes of 1897.....	\$4,406 09	
Apportionment school funds.....	2,330 73	
Cash of Directors.....	220 31	
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		6,957 13
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		\$7,741 57

The balance consists of

uncollected taxes of 1889.....	\$241 30
1890.....	171 08
1891.....	82 44
1892.....	161 84
1893.....	111 27
1896.....	532 60
1897.....	1,004 89
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	\$2,305 42

Tax Deeds..... 49 80

\$2,355 22

Balance..... 1,766 04

Cash overdrawn..... \$589 18

Respectfully submitted,

APRIL 7, 1898.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *City Auditor.*

The Director's estimate for the fiscal year ending March

31st, 1899, for support of schools, wages of teachers, ordinary repairs, school supplies, fuel, janitors, etc ..	\$4,700 00
Abatement of taxes.....	150 00
Assessment of taxes.....	50 00
Collecting of taxes.....	50 00
Taking census.....	15 00
Bills outstanding.....	200 00
Interest on loan.....	475 00
Partial payment of loan.....	500 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$6,140 00

This may be provided for as follows :

Apportionment.....	\$2,330 00
Assessment.....	3,810 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$6,140 00

SCHOOL HOUSES AND REPAIRS.

At the last annual meeting, a sum of money was voted to enlarge one of the recitation rooms in the Grammar school building, for a school room for grades one and two. This was done and new seats purchased for the room and the cost has been within the appropriations. The Directors recommend that the water closets in the Middle Street schoolhouse be changed to the basement in said building as this seems necessary from a sanitary point of view. There are other small repairs that should be made in the same building. In the Grammar School building, the blackboards should be repaired or rebuilt.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

We still have in our schools, Mr. Lewis, principal, Miss Lottie Farrington, Miss Stella Barton, Miss Mabel Gould and Miss Gussie T. Libby, all familiar names to the inhabitants of the District and who still continue by their close attention, and the interest they take in their respective rooms, to give general satisfaction to Directors and parents.

Miss Annie Hanks was engaged at the beginning of the school year to teach in the school on Bangor street, grades one and two of the Primary department. This was her first year as a teacher.

She has, however, fulfilled the expectations of the Directors and has the qualifications which are needed to make a fine teacher.

At the close of the winter term ending March 25th, 1898, Mrs. Booker resigned her place as teacher of the Primary grades in the Middle Street school and the Directors after due inquiry engaged Miss Zoe Peterson to take her place in the school. Miss Peterson has taught for two years in the suburban schools and comes highly recommended.

On the whole, the Directors feel that this has been a very successful and prosperous year in our schools. In closing they wish to impress upon the parents of the scholars in the District, the importance of looking after their children, to see that they are at school regularly and on time for it is necessary for the success of a school that the parents should as far as possible co-operate with the teachers.

The report of Mr. Lewis, the principal of the Grammar school, is hereby appended.

W. H. WILLIAMS, F. L. FARRINGTON, A. M. BROWN.	}	<i>Directors.</i>
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REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

To the Directors of the Williams District :

GENTLEMEN :—In conformity to custom I herewith submit to your consideration my annual report of the Williams Grammar School, also a report of the several schools in Williams District, for the school year commencing Sept. 20, 1897 and ending March 25, 1898.

FIRST GRAMMAR DIVISION.

The ninth and tenth grades are instructed in this room. Thirty-six registered with an average of thirty-two. Thirteen were graduated last June. The graduating class this year is not large. We have had a very regular attendance throughout the year. Death called from the tenth grade, one of the best students, Miss Ethel M. Blish. We felt her loss very keenly, as she was much devoted to her school work, and always had a good influence ; being much respected by all. We are trying to improve our school system in order that our children may receive instruction in all that pertains to their welfare. We are pleased to report a successful year, yet we feel that more might be accomplished for these classes had the teacher more time.

SECOND GRAMMAR DIVISION.

In this department, the seventh and eighth grammar grades are instructed under Miss Lottie M. Farrington, who also is well known in the district. Forty-six names are registered with an average of forty-one. Owing to the crowded condition of grade six, we were obliged to send a few from that grade to grade seven. Circumstances compelled us to do this, much against the wishes of all. If at the close of the spring term, any are unable to do the eighth grade work, they can remain in grade seven another year. We do not believe that children, as a rule, should be allowed to skip classes,

but under present conditions, we are forced to allow it. Miss Farrington has an interesting division. Her pupils are much interested in their studies which demonstrates that she is leading them wisely in their school work. To meet the requirements a great deal of written work must be done in these grades. Written work necessarily adds to the teacher's duties. Miss Farrington is devoting her entire time in improving her classes along these lines.

THIRD GRAMMAR DIVISION.

The fifth and sixth Grammar grades are instructed in this division by Miss Stella E. Barton, who has taught in these grades for fifteen years. At the opening of the fall term, sixty-eight pupils registered in this room, with a seating capacity of fifty. For sometime we were puzzled to know what to do, as this crowded condition made it impossible for both teacher and pupils to do satisfactory work. After giving the matter careful consideration the committee determined to send grade third, consisting of six pupils from Miss Gould's room to Miss Libby's division on Middle Street. Grade five, which was large, was then divided in Miss Barton's department; one half of which was placed under Miss Gould's care, while the other half remained in the same room. This procedure made the division more nearly equal and gave a very large majority equal opportunities. This congested condition might have been relieved by fitting up another room and employing an extra teacher which did not seem feasible, as the extra expense was not provided for in last year's appropriation.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, BANGOR STREET.

Miss Mabel W. Gould instructs in this room. The spring term was taught by Bertha M. Hamblen, a very successful teacher, who had under her care the third and fourth grades, with fifty-four names registered and with an average of forty-six. Miss Gould was promoted to this division at the opening of the fall term, from the sub-primary room. During the fall term the third grade, consisting of only six pupils, was transferred to the same grade on Middle Street and half of grade five from Miss Barton's room was placed under Miss Gould's instruction in place of grade third. This was done to relieve the congested condition of grade five, or third grammar division. Miss Gould's manner of disciplining is quiet

but firm. She commands the respect of her pupils and is doing excellent work in these grades. On her register appear forty names with an average of thirty-six.

SUB-PRIMARY SCHOOL, BANGOR STREET.

In this division Miss Annie E. Hanks teaches the first and second grades. Forty scholars registered with an average of thirty-two. Miss Hanks was elected teacher in this room at the opening of the fall term to fill Miss Gould's position who was promoted to grades third and fourth. Miss Hanks is a graduate from Cony High School and was a devoted student to the course of studies in Williams District. We are pleased to report that she is successful in interesting her pupils and has done good work in these grades. Her manner of disciplining is excellent, as she maintains good order without punishment. We do not believe that the teacher in these grades should punish.

PRIMARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE STREET.

The third and fourth grades attend school in this room, with Miss Gussie T. Libby teacher. Thirty registered with an average of twenty-seven. Miss Libby has been a painstaking and efficient instructor in the district for several years. As the weeks pass, she watches her methods with a purpose always in view to keep herself informed in modern theories and methods, thus keeping her own up to date. Her classes are progressive, which proves that she is a valuable teacher. Her record in the district is known to all. She is one of our best instructors.

SUB-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE STREET.

Mrs. Effie L. Booker taught in this department. Forty-six names were registered, with an average of thirty-seven. The first and the second grades are instructed in this room, where the pupils commence their school life. In this department, as in Miss Hanks', the teacher is expected to have patience and wisdom to lead the tender minds in the beginning of their education. Mrs. Booker's classes were well instructed in their studies. Miss M. Zoe Peterson now instructs in this department. She was engaged as teacher in our rural schools where she built a reputation of being an extra teacher. We feel that she will succeed in this department.

CONCLUSION.

Our schools have made good progress during the year. The attendance in the several departments has been exceptionally large. The children have patiently submitted to proper authority and the teachers, in the main, have been quiet but firm in administering to their wants. The selection and arrangement of the studies taught are such as will secure the unfolding of the child's faculties in their natural order, so that no one faculty is so over cultivated or so neglected as to produce abnormal or one sided mental development. The parents have given the teachers their support without which our schools would be a failure. With a very few exceptions, the children are kept regularly in school. Pupils who are never absent during a recitation form habits which will lead them successfully through life. Not only do they have a good influence in the school, but in the home, in the church and upon the streets.

The teachers have long felt the need of music in our schools. It should constitute a part of the child's education, and no school system is complete without it. This is true when we consider how many children receive no instruction in music in the home. To say that music in our schools is a waste of time and money, proves that we are not in line with the present demands. Children in other schools are taught music, and to allow our pupils to attend school without it shows that we are not in line of progress. Drawing is taught by the teachers in the several grades, but with the work expected of them under the present condition of things, it is impossible to devote much time to this study. Our present methods require a great deal of written work, which absorbs the teachers' energies as they are to watch over the welfare of two classes in each department. We would recommend that another teacher be employed to assist in the several grades. A teacher who can instruct in drawing and music would add much to our schools. To make our schools what they should be, we must have the support of the entire community. Nothing short of the co-operation of the parents and teachers will make them a success.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTON LEWIS,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	First term of 11 weeks. April 5, to June 18.		Second term of 13 weeks. Sept. 20, to Dec. 17.		Third term of 12 weeks. Jan. 3, to Mar. 25, '98.	
		Whole Number.	Average Number.	Whole Number.	Average Number.	Whole Number.	Average Number.
First Grammar Division, Bangor Street,	Weston Lewis, Prin.....	36	34	36	32	35	30
Second Grammar Div., Bangor Street,	Miss L. M. Farrington, Asst...	37	34	44	42	46	41
Third Grammar Division, Bangor Street,	Miss Stella E. Barton, Asst....	43	39	49	48	47	42
Primary School, Bangor Street,	Miss Bertha Hamblin, 1st T.... Miss Mabel W. Gould, 2d & 3d.	52	46	40	37	40	36
Sub-Primary School, Bangor Street,	Miss Mabel W. Gould, 1st term. Miss Annie Hanks, 2d & 3d T..	27	25	37	31	40	32
Primary School, Middle Street,	Miss Gussie T. Libby.....	28	24	30	27	27	23
Sub-Primary School, Middle Street,	Mrs. Effie L. Booker.....	41	33	46	37	37	29